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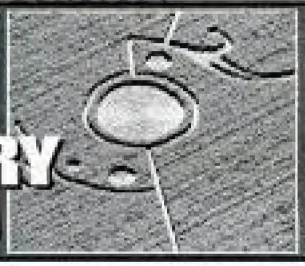

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MYSTERY SOLVED: ALIEN

By MICHAEL CHIRON
Correspondent

OUTRAGED space aliens left Earth in a huff after juvenile delinquents vandalized their flying saucer by spray-painting the UFO with graffiti and stealing its hubcaps!

And the extraterrestrials returned to take revenge for that shocking 1957 incident — by defacing our planet with their own form of graffiti: Crop circles!

"After spending decades trying to decipher crop circles, believing they were profound messages, possibly with religious significance, we have found instead they are nothing more than obscenity-laced insults," reveals an Air Force code-breaking expert involved in the investigation.

"Translated into colloquial English, they say things like 'Bite me,' 'Earth sucks,' 'Drop dead' and '@ #%$ you, Earthlings!'

The unfortunate incident that sparked the ugly alien backlash occurred on May 25, 1957, in a rough section of Detroit, when an alien vessel landed in an abandoned lot at about 3:35 a.m.

According to the Air Force researcher, a trio of alien astronauts set out from the saucer, making the classic request, "Take me to your leader" of the first person they met.

"They expected a hero's welcome — unfortunately, their initial contactee was a youth-gang member who thought they wanted to meet the leader of his gang, a man named Julio," the Air Force source reveals.

"They spent several hours fruitlessly searching the streets for this Julio — and when they returned to the saucer, they found to their dismay that it had been trashed.

"Members of a rival gang known as the Avengers had spray-painted 'Go home lizard men,' their names as well as numerous curse words and the phone numbers of high school girls they described as 'easy.' They also pried off six disk-shaped objec

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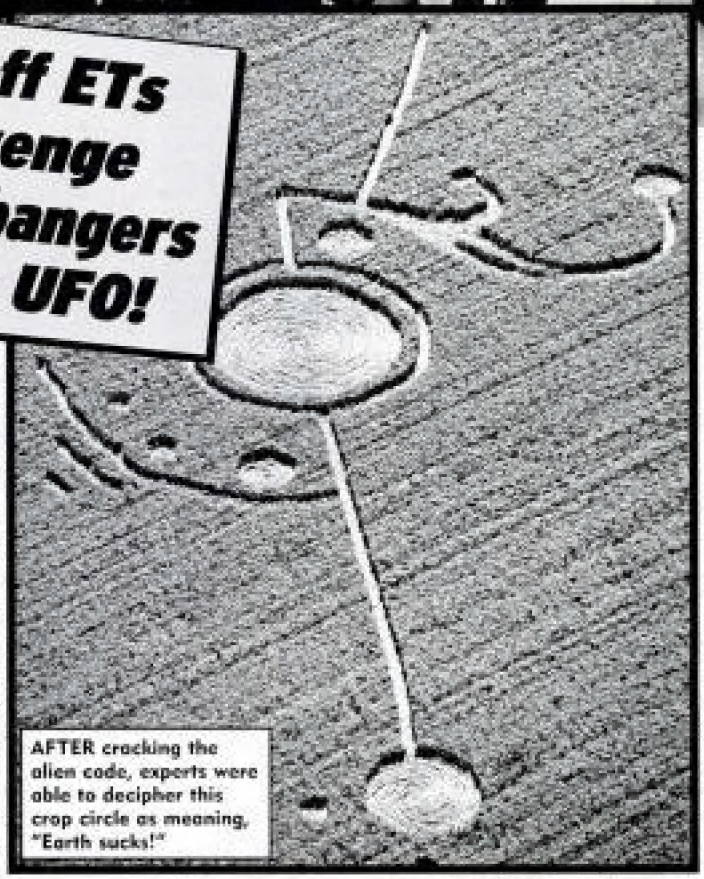
Ticked-off ETs take revenge after gangbangers vandalize UFO!



AFTER cracking the alien code, experts were able to decipher this crop circle as meaning, "Earth sucks!"

that appear to have served only a decorative purpose.

"Angered, the aliens took off — but not before a police photographer who had arrived on the scene took a dazzling photograph of the defaced saucer."

The Air Force and FBI acted quickly to cover up the close encounter, seizing the photograph and threatening gang members with jail time if they told anyone what they'd seen. The alien "hubcaps," made from a still-unidentified alloy, were also taken for scientific study.

The incident sent chills up the spines of U.S. government officials — particularly since just a month later, a radio message was picked up from deep space vowing, "Vengeance shall be taken."

"Then-President Eisenhower stepped up Air Force surveillance of the skies and put production of nuclear weapons into high gear," the researcher reveals.

"His advisers feared that the graffiti incident had sparked an interstellar war — and every U.S. leader since has worried about an imminent invasion from outer space.

"This was one of the reasons why Ronald Reagan pushed so hard for his space-based 'Star Wars' missile defense system."

Within a few years of the UFO vandalism, the aliens' code was broken by computer experts — but the messages have been baffling researchers ever since. "We've been desperately trying to translate them," says the Air Force source. "We knew from the start they were extraterrestrial messages — but until now we didn't know this was the form the alien 'revenge' had taken."

Leading UFO investigator Lauren Smythe of London called the results of the crop-circle research "a real eye-opener."

"It's astonishing that beings

NEWS BRIEFS

Here, hot off the wire, are the freshest news stories from around the globe!

SMUGGLERS STOPPED COLD WITH HOT BOLOGNA

CUSTOMS agents say a Mexican man smuggled 756 pounds of bologna into Texas by making it look like the back seat of his pickup truck!

They say the man had taken 81 rolls of wrapped lunch meat, placed them in the shape of a car seat, and covered it with blankets. Children were sitting on the bologna bench when suspicious border cops inspected the vehicle.

"Who knows how long these products have gone without refrigeration or proper handling," a Customs spokesman says.

He says bologna goes for $1 a roll in Mexico, and is worth $5 to $10 a roll when resold in the U.S. — a potential profit of more than $700 for the accused smuggler.

BATS GO SPLAT

BATS aren't always the brilliant night-flyers everyone thought, according to a new study by a power company. While buzzing around in the dark looking for insects to snack on, they're getting smashed and killed by windmills.

Only a few bats have been killed by the giant, 150-foot-long blades that crank up wind power at the Buffalo Ridge wind farm in Minnesota. But Minneapolis-based Xcel Energy and the Electric Power Research Institute say it's still disturbing.

MAN SHOT AT KKK INITIATION

A MAN fired a gun into the air at a Ku Klux Klan initiation ceremony and the bullet landed in another man's head.

Police in Johnson City, Texas, say they arrested the shooter and charged him with aggravated assault and reckless endangerment.

Witnesses said he had fired the pistol to simulate real gunplay, as the new Klan member was blindfolded, tied to a tree and shot with paintballs as part of his initiation.

The bullet hit the top of the victim's head and came out the

WEEKLY WORLD NEWS READERS ...

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Saddam & Osama are giving all us gays a bad name

TUTU MUCH! Members of the gay community are pink with rage at Saddam and Osama.

Dear Editor: I found your story about the discovery of Saddam Hussein and Osama Bin Laden's gay home movies to be most distressing, not just because they show that these monsters are running around free and happily frolicking, but also because, as a gay man, it's heartbreaking for me to think that two of the world's most hated villains could be giving gays in general a bad name. It should go without saying, but still, I want to make it absolutely clear that nobody — and I mean nobody — in the gay community supports terrorists or brutal dictators, whether gay, straight or something in between.

— Les U., Boston, Mass.

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Dear Editor: Regarding your article about Osama Bin Laden joining the Chinese space program (Nov. 25, 2003), I think it's a wonderful idea! The Chinese can take him into space, and we can have an American astronaut stow away in the spaceship. Then, when they're in orbit, the American can sneak up, open the hatch and kick Osama out! Hopefully Saddam will join his husband on the trip, and they can both spend eternity together, floating through space.

— Frances B., Fort Walton Beach, Fla.

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Dear Editor: I had a personal experience last year that may shed some light on that picture you ran of garden gnomes and pink flamingos on the moon (Dec. 9, 2003). Late one night last summer, I was awakened by a bright golden light that was shining through my bedroom window. When I say "bright," I mean it was incredible — almost like daylight! Naturally, I jumped out of bed and looked out the window, and I'll never forget what I saw. A glowing, disc-shaped object was hovering perhaps 50 feet over my front yard. This object was focusing an intense beam of light at the pink flamingo in the middle of my lawn. The flamingo was sort of twitching and rocking a bit from side to side, and then suddenly it arose into the air as if somehow pulled up by the light. I watched, dumbfounded, as a hatch opened in the bottom of the object, the flamingo entered, the hatch closed, and the craft flew off at a tremendous speed. At that very moment, I heard an odd, sort of robotic-sounding voice in my head. The voice said: "Earthman, we much admire your lawn ornament. We will repay you for its loss." Sure enough, the next day, I found a $50 bill in my mailbox! Sounds crazy, I know, but it really happened!

— Gray B., Santa Fe, N.M.

Letter of the Week

Dear Editor: I understand President Bush subscribes to *Weekly World News*, so he must have seen the cover with Osama and Saddam getting married (Oct. 7, 2003). I would like to suggest to him that we print up millions of copies of that issue and have the U.S. military drop them over these Muslim countries. As I'm sure you know, Islam strongly disapproves of homosexuality, so if the people learn the truth, it should irreparably harm Osama and Saddam's reputations in their eyes. I was going to write the

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THANK YOU *WWN*, FOR ENDING MY PRISON NIGHTMARE

PAGE 5 GIRL NEXT DOOR!

COURAGEOUS Alison Hicks, with daughter Jess, fought the system and won — with the help of *WWN* readers.

By MICHAEL FORSYTH
Correspondent

IN AN OUTRAGEOUS miscarriage of justice, beautiful blonde Page 5 Girl Alison Hicks was wrongfully jailed for child abuse — destroying her career and shredding her reputation. But the gutsy gal fought back and has successfully cleared her name — with the help of *Weekly World News* and our family of warmhearted readers!

FORMER SWIMSUIT model and tennis pro Alison Hicks graced the pages of *Weekly World News* in 1989.

The two-part story on Alison's ordeal we published last April and the flood of letters it prompted not only helped to get the bogus charge expunged forever from her record, it piqued the interest of top Hollywood producers — who are now banging down her door with movie offers.

"Thank you, *Weekly World News*. I don't think I would have been alive now if it hadn't been for your article — I think I would have killed myself," declares Alison, of Phoenix, Ariz. "*WWN* helped me to survive. What your readers did was phenomenal — it gave me the strength to fight back."

Readers were aghast when they read our heartbreaking account of Allison's descent into Hell, which began when the single mom innocently left her 6-year-old daughter unattended for two and half minutes in a luxury community to walk to a neighbor house — and ended up being arrested for felony child abuse.

Curvy Alison, who graced the pages of *WWN* in 1989, quickly saw her idyllic life as tennis pro in the development crumble.

Following her arrest on Jan. 17, 2001, the wholesome blonde was incarcerated in some of Arizona's toughest prisons, from a notorious tent jail in the desert to a grim warehouse for hardened female cons called "The Tower."

In gut-wrenching detail, Alison hands of a sadistic matron.

- Caged with violent criminals including cop-killers and a "torso lady" who'd chopped up her husband.
- Subjected to the unrelenting advances of mannish, lust-crazed lesbians.
- Threatened by brutal inmates who mocked the tears of the helpless "new fish."

Far worse was the damage done to her reputation. Placed on probation, Alison, who'd been fired, was listed by the FBI as a convicted felon — meaning anytime she looked for a new job, a potential employer would find out in a criminal background check.

We appealed to readers to help Alison by writing to Arizona's governor. And you came through with flying colors — thousands of letters poured in.

The letter-writing campaign put pressure on authorities, Alison confirms.

But more important was the effect our story had on Alison herself — who launched a letter blitz of her own to the judge in the case.

"What you guys did for me at *WWN*, you built up my self-esteem. You empowered me," she says. "*WWN* helped me more than any lawyer."

On September 12, Judge Ronald Reinstein finally ended Alison's probation — and expunged all record of her conviction.

Alison, now 39, is able to seek work again without fear. Even more exciting, a screenplay is in the works based on her triumph-over-adversity saga — and at least one major Hollywood production company wants it bad.

An industry insider, who called the story "powerful," says perky Reese Witherspoon, of *Legally Blonde* fame, would be the No. 1 choice to portray

PLEASURE PRINCIPLES

TALL, dark and daring Raquel is an active gal with some pretty challenging pursuits: She loves boxing, weightlifting and boating. But if you think she's just some kind of grown-up tomboy, think again — because with luscious looks that include her 34DD-23-34 figure, this hazel-eyed brunette is definitely all girl. Raquel loves eating Mexican pizza and working off the calories by dancing to house and rock music at clubs around

MAGICIAN MAKES WOMAN DISAPPEAR

– but can't bring her back!

By GINGER VOGT
Correspondent

ILLUSIONIST George Macovei, as seen in this publicity photo, has yet to find his assistant, whom he made disappear as part of his magic act.

ILLUSIONIST George Macovei pulled the ultimate sleight of hand when he made his curvy young assistant vanish into thin air — and couldn't bring her back.

And while cops in Arges, Romania, have yet to file charges in the bizarre case, they say the 39-year-old illusionist is running out of time to produce Angelina Lajos, 26, or at least prove that she hasn't come to any harm.

"We can't charge him with murder because we haven't found a body, but false imprisonment and reckless endangerment are two distinct possibilities," police detective Ion Surdu told reporters.

"Even the magician admits he can't bring the woman back from wherever it is he sent her."

The strange case unfolded when Macovei and Lajos appeared together on stage to benefit a children's charity.

The illusionist reportedly delighted the audience of over 600 with his standard bag of tricks, including pulling rabbits out of a hat, levitating Miss Lajos, sawing her in half . . . and skewering her with no fewer than 11 sharp swords while she stood hidden from view in a large wicker basket.

"The vanishing trick was new to me," Macovei said in his statement, "but I've been practicing it for months. I found the instructions in a gypsy magician's manual I found at a yard sale."

The stunt called for Lajos to stretch out on a table at center stage, after which Macovei would cover her with what the audience perceived as being one black blanket, when in fact, there were two.

The stage was lit in such a way that after repeating a few magic words, Macovei could spin the table a half-turn counterclockwise, remove one of the two blankets with a flourish — and it would appear to the audience that the table was flat as a board, even though Lajos was still lying on it under the second blanket.

"But she really disappeared," Macovei told police. "As God is my witness, that wasn't supposed to happen. She was supposed to be there. This isn't real magic — I'm an illusionist. This is entertainment."

When Macovei realized the woman was missing, he panicked. Eyewitnesses say he pulled the then started screaming, "Where are you? Where have you gone? Come back! Come back!"

The audience thought his frantic search was part of the act until he ran off the stage yelling, "Police! Somebody call the police!"

After determining Lajos was nowhere to be found, detectives filed a missing-person report and questioned Macovei for several hours.

He admitted that he and Lajos were having an affair and talking about marriage.

But even though he had just recently taken out an insurance policy on her life, it was small — not even enough to pay for a funeral, say cops, and seemingly not enough to give him a motive for killing her.

"I'd bring her back if I could," says Macovei.

He has told reporters he's through with magic unless and until Lajos is found alive and unharmed.

"I'm hoping that I'll suddenly wake up and find that all of this has been a dream," he adds.

"Even though I know it's not."

HOUDINI FACT

In 1995, one of master illusionist Harry Houdini's last wishes before his untimely death was partly granted.

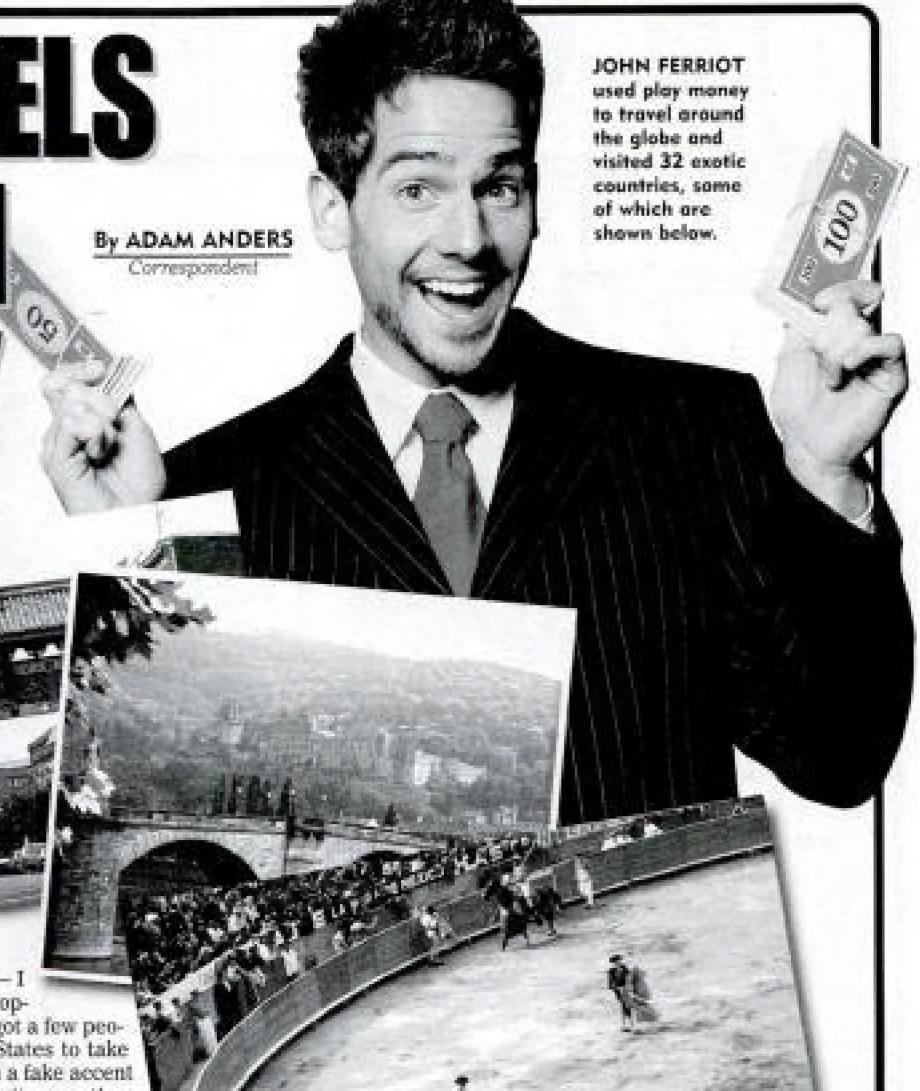
Much of his magic memorabilia and stage props were destroyed by a fire, suspected to be the work of an arsonist. His famous Chinese Water Torture Cell was among the artifacts consumed in a blaze at the Houdini Magical Hall of Fame in Niagara Falls, Ontario.

Houdini had asked that his memorabilia be burned rather than sold for profit. His brother, Theo Hardeen, inherited the equipment after Houdini's 1926 death, and two sales later, it was

MAN TRAVELS WORLD ON MONOPOLY MONEY!

'I visited 32 countries & circled the globe twice!'

By ADAM ANDERS
Correspondent



JOHN FERRIOT used play money to travel around the globe and visited 32 exotic countries, some of which are shown below.

SELF-DESCRIBED "ramblin' man" John Ferriot traveled around the world twice — on Monopoly money!

"I hitchhiked to get from country to country and also worked on ships to pay for overseas jaunts," the 26-year-old travel writer from Miami told *Travel Tipster* magazine.

"But everything else — and I do mean everything — I paid for with Monopoly money. I even got a few people in the United States to take it by speaking with a fake accent and telling them it was 'Australian money' or 'Germany bucks.'

"People are so greedy for cash you can tell them just about anything and they can't snatch it out of your hand fast enough."

Ferriot said he got the idea to try to travel around the world on the worthless, multicolored "currency" while enjoying a game of Monopoly with a couple of friends.

"One of them said, 'Man, don't you wish you could really spend this stuff?' after I landed on Boardwalk with a hotel on it and had to fork over $1,000 in rent," says Ferriot.

"I remember saying, 'I'll bet you could spend it in foreign countries — all you'd have to do is stay out of big cities where people would know better."

The more Ferriot thought about the idea, the better it sounded — so he mapped out a trip that would take him to 32 exotic and little-

Bassas da India, Burkina Faso, Guinea-Bissau, Jan Mayen, Kiribati and Palau.

"I also hit a few larger countries, but I always traveled through rural areas where people seldom see tourists or foreign money," says the travel writer.

Ferriot says his trip started when he worked passage on a freighter to get from Miami to South Africa.

The entire round-the-world-twice journey took nine months to complete and would have cost him

"It cost me $300,000 in Monopoly money because I was a big tipper," he adds with a chuckle.

"And the only place I got into a jam was in Tanzania when I handed a waiter a $5 and a $1 to pay for a big American-style dinner and two bottles of wine.

"It seems he went to college in the U.S., and he knew Monopoly money when he saw it. So I slipped him $10 in real U.S. money to keep his mouth shut."

Ferriot says he stayed in hostels and rented bed space in private homes to keep a roof over his head. He also calls the trip

MONOPOLY FACTS

- The game of Monopoly is the best-selling board game in the world. It's licensed or sold in 80 countries and produced in 26 languages including Croatian.
- Since its introduction in February 1935, more than 150 million Monopoly board games have been sold worldwide.
- The longest recorded Monopoly game lasted 1,680 hours. That's more than 70 days.
- Illinois Avenue has been mathematically proven to be the square on the Monopoly game board that a player is most likely to land on.

WEEKLY WORLD NEWS DECEMBER 3

DEAD GIVEAWAY

Calculate the exact date of your death!

By KARL ROMANOV
Correspondent

YOU CAN figure out the exact day, month and year you will die with an exciting new formula based on hard science and penetrating intuition developed by *Weekly World News* psychic extraordinaire, Sonya Sabak.

It's easy! All you have to do is take your pulse and perform a few simple arithmetical calculations. And just minutes from now you'll have your answer — enabling you to plan for the day you will leave this earthly plane.

"Nervous Nellies and the squeamish will sometimes say, 'I don't want to know when I'm going to die,' but in my opinion, they are being dangerously shortsighted," says Sabak, world renowned for her psychic insights.

"When you know the day you will leave this world, you can plan ahead and make sure your affairs are in order. People who are so inclined can get right with God to ensure they will go to Heaven.

"Individuals with messy financial affairs can straighten them out so as not to burden their survivors. Funeral arrangements can be made. Last wills and testaments can be written. Children can be counseled and prepared for your day of passing."

Here is Sabak's surprisingly simple Five Point Plan for determining the precise date of your death.

Because the innovative system most senior of seniors, God bless them, are on their own!"

1 Close your eyes, let your mind drift for a minute or so, and then think of a number between 1 and 12. This is your Prime Number. Write it down on paper.

2 With your eyes open and focused on a shiny object — anything from a watch to a drinking glass to a ring will do — think of a number between 1 and 31. This is your Secondary Number. Write it down on paper.

3 Take your resting pulse. Count the beats for 15 seconds and then multiply the total by four. In other words, if you count 20 beats, your resting pulse is 20 x 4 = 80.

Once you've established your resting pulse, reduce the figure to a single digit by adding. For example, 80 becomes 8 + 0 = 8 — while 102 becomes 1 + 0 + 2 = 3.

4 Subtract your age from 100. Now subtract the number you arrived at in Step 3 — your resting tracted from 100 gives you 80, and your resting pulse reduced to a single digit is 8, the arithmetic looks like this: 80 - 8 = 72.

In some cases, the arithmetic will give you a "0" — but that's okay. Regardless of its size, this is your Axis Number. Write it down.

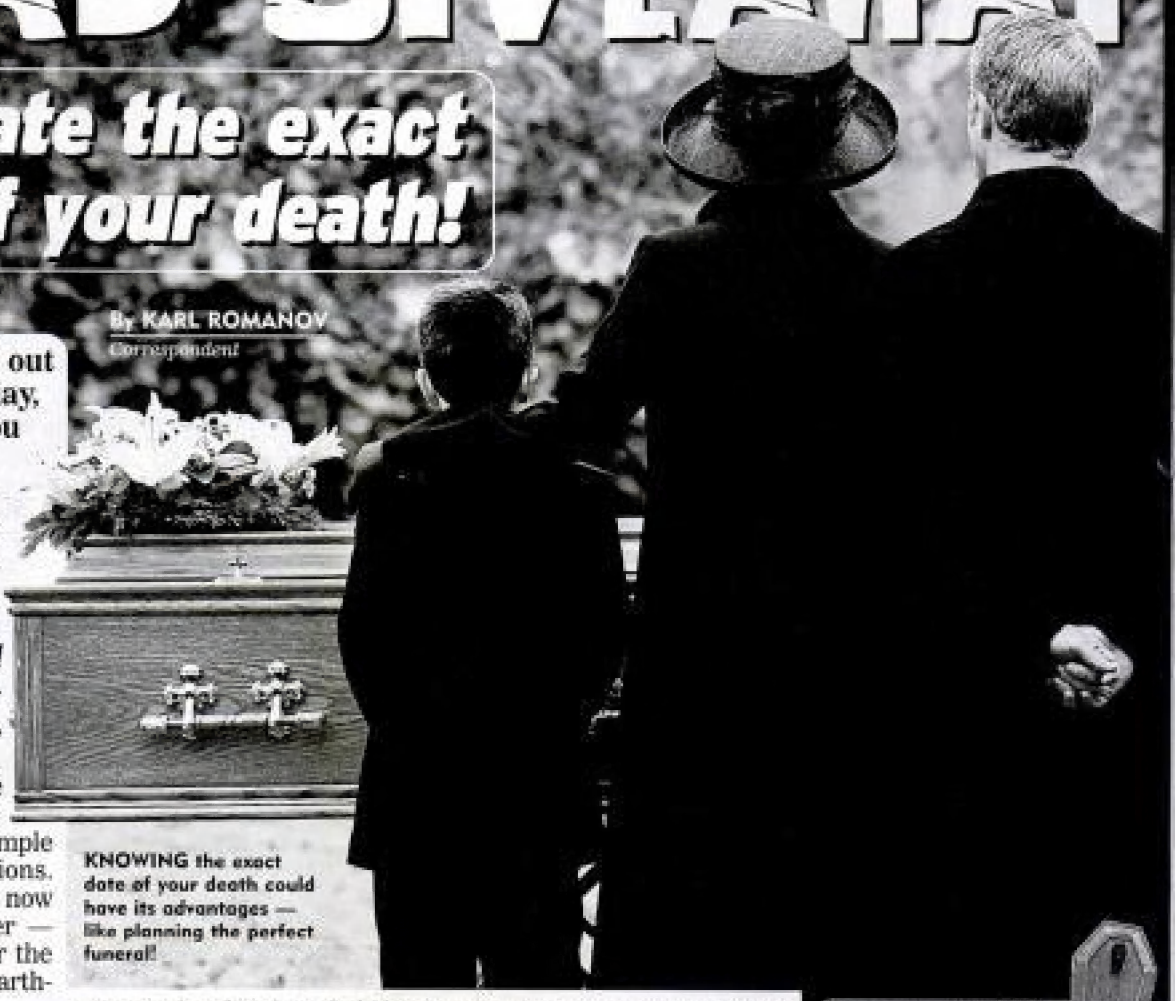
5 Congratulations! You have now determined your exact date of death!

Your Prime Number indicates the month you will die. Your Secondary Number indicates the date you will die. And your Axis Number indicates the year you will die.

For example, if your Prime Number is 8, your Secondary Number is 7, and your Axis Number is 72, you're out of here on Aug. 7, 2072.

If your Axis Number is low — 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4 — you're headed to the other side in 2004.

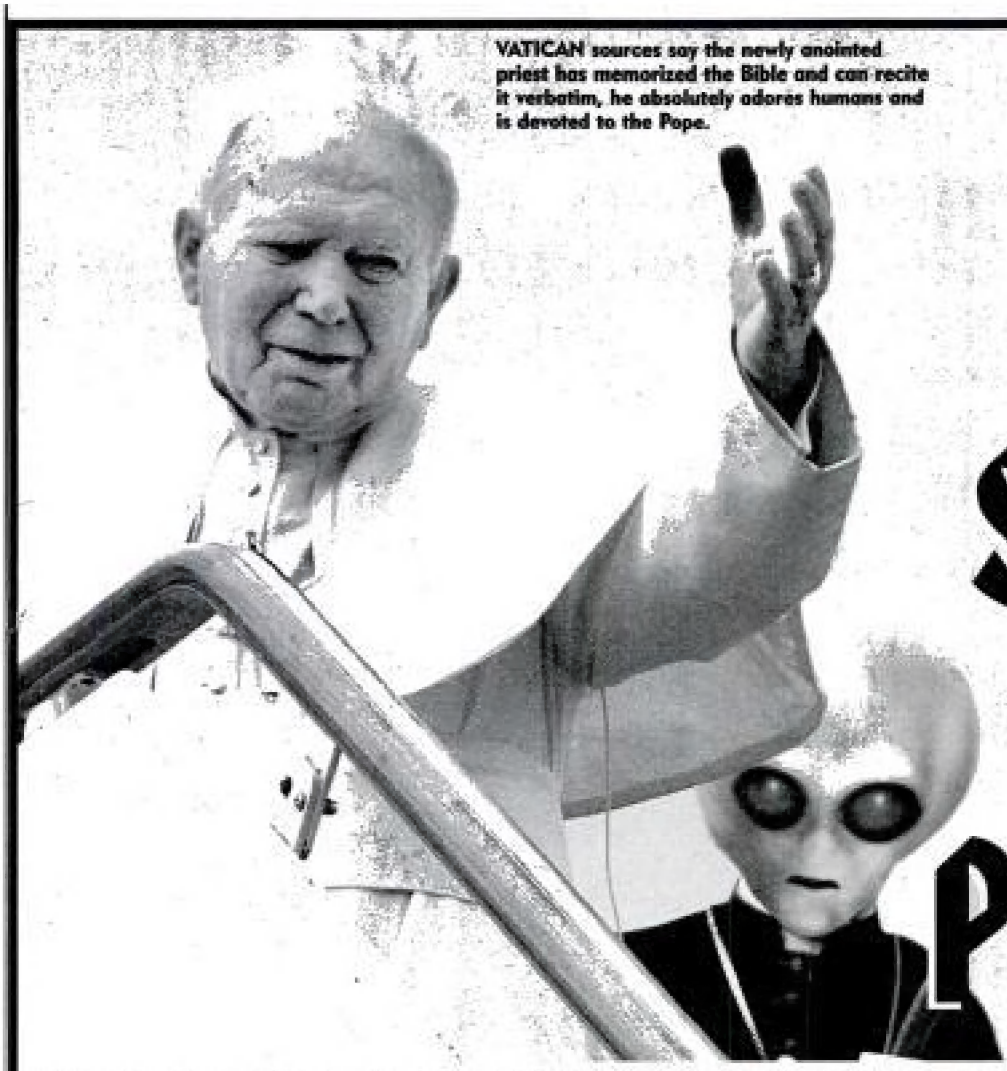
"The dates are correct in a remarkable seven out of 10 cases," says Sabak. "And as any high roller in Las Vegas or Atlantic City will tell



KNOWING the exact date of your death could have its advantages — like planning the perfect funeral!

COFFIN FACTS

- **Early in his career, Rod Stewart worked as a coffin polisher.**
- **At funerals in ancient China, when the lid of the coffin was closed, mourners took a few steps backward lest their shadows get caught in the box.**
- **Only one person walked with Mozart's coffin from the church to the cemetery for its burial in an unmarked pauper's grave.**
- **Andrew Johnson died on July 31, 1875. He left no will, but did leave a last wish: "When I die, I desire no better winding sheet than the Stars and Stripes, and no softer pillow than the Constitution." In compliance, Johnson's body was wrapped in the American flag, and was placed in a cof-**



VATICAN sources say the newly anointed priest has memorized the Bible and can recite it verbatim, he absolutely adores humans and is devoted to the Pope.

POPE OKs SPACE ALIEN PRIEST

By NED FARLEY/Correspondent

POPE John Paul II has quietly named a shape-shifting space alien to minister to the needs of the faithful in an as-yet unnamed parish in the southwestern United States.

And even though it remains unclear where the bulb-headed extraterrestrial will set up shop, Vatican insiders acknowledge that it "may not be far" from mysterious Area 51, the U.S. military's UFO-related secret base in Groom Lake, Nev.

Little is known about the space-alien priest's background. And when it comes to discussing details, church sources in the Vatican and at U.S. Catholic dioceses have been unusually tight-lipped.

But secular experts with Vatican ties have learned that a human priest saved the creature's life after finding its mangled body in the wreckage of a "space pod" that crashed near Mexico City in 1987.

Schooled in the ways of Catholics during what seems to have been a long and painful recovery, the space alien — apparently at the behest of the Pope himself — agreed to devote his life to God, say the sources.

Intriguingly, the extraterrestrial is said to have capacities and powers that rival those used by important Bible figures like Moses, who parted the Red Sea and turned walking sticks into snakes, and Jesus, who raised the dead, turned water to wine, fed a hungry crowd of thousands with just seven loaves and fishes and even controlled the weather to prove that God was indeed His father.

According to one source, the space alien can "lift and twirl" objects as large as tractor-trailers just by looking at them and opening his pancake-size eyes wide.

He also can "shape shift" — having demonstrated a peculiar fascination with turning himself into dishes and silverware in addition to appearing as ordinary men and women of every description.

On one surprising occasion he is said to have hobbled into the Vatican as the double of Pope John Paul, who is reported to have been "delighted" by the devout extraterrestrial's fun-loving sleight of hand.

And those powers aren't the only thing that sets the creature apart from humans.

Sources have learned he has at least three hearts — two of which reside in his buttocks — and "feeds" on electricity he procures by poking a long, skinny finger into a wall socket.

"But what truly sets him apart is his devotion to the pope and to God," says a Vatican source. "He has solutely adores humans and wants to help them find the righteous way of Jesus Christ."

Nobody knows if the priest will reveal himself as a space alien to his flock, although the Vatican insider says, "It's not really all that important for people to know."

Nor is it clear whether the extraterrestrial clergyman will minister to the needs of other space aliens.

"As he grows in his ministry, his methodology and broader purpose will become clear," says a Washington-based secular observer who promises "to watch this ministry" closely.

"Of greater concern is how ordinary people are going to take to the idea of a space alien assuming such a high position in the church.

"There are people in the world, including millions of Protestant Christians, who believe extraterrestrials are evil and demonic, if not manifestations of Satan himself.

"The Catholic Church is already reeling from a pedophilia scandal that just won't go away.

"If the space alien priest turns

Meat queen turned into hamburger!

Sally Tucker shoveled beef scraps into a giant hamburger grinder for 16 years before she slipped on a clump of slippery gristle — and fell head

woman out of the whirring, groaning grinder but they weren't fast enough.

All they managed to retrieve were the woman's knees, calves, feet and

NEWS 'TOONS

"Yes, I'm sure there's no recall vote for your teacher."

"Today's sermon is on the evils of gambling."

"You had a drink of water last month. Now be quiet and go back to sleep."

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The truth about myths you've been taught all your life!

SORRY BOY, people prefer cats to dogs.

DOGS ARE NOT man's best friend. Watching television does NOT make children stupid. And most guys not only do NOT hate their mothers-in-law — they daydream about having sex with them.

Those are a few of the sometimes wild, sometimes wacky but always surprising and unexpected "true facts" that pollsters and scientists have gathered in hundreds of recent surveys.

Here, from Washington author Rex Worley, are more myths and the truth of each matter:

● Children who watch lots of TV are dumb and make lousy grades in school — not!

In fact, kids who watch commercial TV and lots of it make better grades than kids who shun the tube and read all the time, at least a half-dozen new studies confirm.

Unlike couch potato adults, kids remain mentally active while watching TV, making the experience stimulating and educational,

WHO started that mother-in-law myth, anyway? Most men fantasize about their wives' mothers!

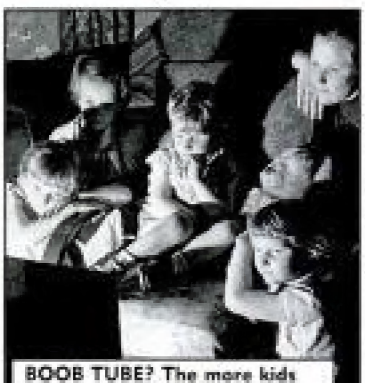
even when they're watching mindless bimbo shows like old *Baywatch* reruns.

● Marines are tougher, meaner and more disciplined than troops in other armed services. Not really. A Pentagon survey of serving Marines indicates that most believe the Corps is going soft — and Navy recruits are the standard by which all soldiers should be measured.

● The way to a man's heart is through his stomach — only, says a new study, if he's impotent. Healthy men want sex and lots of it, the more adventurous the better — and they eat later.

● Republicans think the best way to help the poor is to eliminate social programs and stimulate the economy with tax cuts to create new jobs — are you kidding? No fewer than 17 new studies show that Republicans don't give a tinker's cuss about poor people — period.

But Democrats have no reason to gloat — the same studies that exposed Republican greed found that Democrats just pretend to care about the poor because it



BOOB TUBE? The more kids

● President George W. Bush has a low IQ and may be mildly retarded — true . . . and false.

An analysis by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, which studied the president's vocabulary, sentence structure and ability to absorb and assimilate difficult concepts, indicates he is "near average," which actually puts him in good company.

Other non-rocket scientist presidents who test out in the same "near average" range, according to MIT, are George Washington, Herbert Hoover, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, Harry Truman and Gerald Ford.

● Dogs are man's best friend — but only when the cat's not around. A study conducted by the North American Veterinary Association found that felines surpassed canines as America's favorite and most beloved pet a few weeks after the 9/11 terror attacks in 2001 — and they're still clinging to first place. Mee-ouch!

● Men hate their mothers-in-law — nope! The truth is, most married men — 72 percent of them — not only get along great with their wives' moms, they fantasize about the older ladies and would love to bed them, reveals a survey conducted by a leading women's magazine.

● It's fun to be rich. Wrong. A recent survey found that most multi-millionaires claim to be unhappy, discontent and dissatisfied about 75 percent of the time. On the other hand, poor people say they are happy at least 90 percent

BAGHDAD BOB JOINS THE GOOD GUYS!

Former Iraqi Propaganda Chief spreading GREAT news about the war

IRAQI citizens believe former Minister of Information Mohammed Saeed al-Sahhaf like Americans trust legendary newsman Walter Cronkite, inset.

HURRAY! Ready for some good news about Iraq? Diehard Saddam loyalist Mohammed Saeed al-Sahhaf, the country's former minister of information, has come over to our side and is spreading pro-American propaganda!

"Iraq is by no means being occupied by a foreign power — the Americans are here as liberators," al-Sahhaf declared in his first televised speech since joining the good guys.

"The rebuilding effort simply could not be going more smoothly. Schools are being opened, electricity restored. We are seeing growing support for the U.S. presence each day — everything is coming up roses.

"Under the wise leadership of President Bush, the new Iraq is moving slowly but surely toward her destiny: To be an independent, democratic state, with liberty and justice for all."

During Operation Iraqi Freedom, al-Sahhaf's preposterously upbeat assessment of Iraq's military situation earned him celebrity status among American TV viewers, as well as the nickname Baghdad Bob. Most infamous was a press conference in which he insisted that no coalition forces were in Baghdad even as U.S. tanks rolled through the city.

Because of his reputation for shading the truth, U.S. officials thought long and hard before offering him a role in rebuilding the strife-torn nation. In the end, however, they decided the pluses far outweighed the minuses.

"Al-Sahhaf is a very familiar face in Iraq," explains a source close to L. Paul Bremer, the chief administrator of Iraq. "When he tells the people here something, it's as if you or I were hearing it from Walter Cronkite."

Indeed, most everyone agrees that he's doing a bang-up job.

"He's a true professional," says a Marine colonel involved in maintaining security in Tikrit. "He's working as hard for us as he did for Saddam."

Here are some more uplifting excerpts from al-Sahhaf's speech:

- "Is this another Vietnam? No, absolutely not. That is wishful thinking on the part of America's enemies. I laugh at such nonsense. The situation in our country bears no resemblance whatsoever to the war in Vietnam."
- "The national media in America has it all wrong. On the whole, everything is going splendidly in Iraq. I go out among villagers and all I see are smiling faces — happy, happy people."
- "The vast majority of Iraqis love America and deeply admire President Bush. The people who are behind the attacks on U.S. troops are all foreigners who sneak into our land to make trouble."
- "The few holdouts who remain loyal to Saddam Hussein are growing more and more desperate each and every day. Soon they will all be crushed like ants. Their blood will run in Baghdad."
- "America has no plans to 'cut and run.' When U.S. troops do pull out, you can rest assured, this shall only occur when our country is a stable democracy. Iraq will not slip into chaos a few months later, trust me."

— By MIKE FOSTER

Weekly World News honored for coverage of war in Iraq!

SAY CONGRATS to us! *Weekly World News* has received an award for "Most Patriotic News Coverage."

The prestigious award was bestowed by the Heritage Preservation Society, a conservative media watchdog group, for our coverage of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Among the stories the group cited: Our story in which we predicted the war would be "America's best war yet" and our Design the New Iraqi Flag Contest.

FOX News placed second.

PAST LIVES PERIL

Learning about former existences can drive you nuts, warns expert!

CONTRARY to popular belief, undergoing hypnosis to learn about your past lives will not provide you with uplifting new insight into your personality. It can be extremely damaging to your sense of well-being and can even drive you stark-staring mad, a top expert warns!

By MIKE FOSTER
Correspondent

Researchers at the prestigious Institute for Reincarnation Studies conducted a survey of 600 people worldwide who'd undergone past-life regression. A surprising 90 percent of the subjects described the results as leaving them "upset" or "hopeless." And in 34 percent of the cases, they were so rattled by their peek into the past that they required psychiatric counseling, drugs or hospitalization.

"Between lives, nature erases our memories for a very good reason — so that we can be reborn unburdened by the past," explains Dr. Vijay Prakashan, the New Delhi institute's director of research.

"Do you really want to find out that you murdered your own mother in a past life? Or that you were a homosexual?

"Some things are better forgotten — otherwise, people feel trapped by their memories, doomed to repeat past mistakes."

Some examples cited by the expert:

● A wheeler-dealing New York business tycoon was a macho lady's man who prided himself on his masculinity — until he underwent past-life regression and recalled his prior life as an 18th-century French prostitute who bedded men for money.

● A mild-mannered Welsh computer software engineer never hurt a fly until he was hypnotized at a party and caught glimpses of his past life as a killer known as the Butcher of Berlin, executed in 1925. "He couldn't get the images of blood out of his mind and was eventually confined to a mental institution after attacking a female co-worker with a fork," Dr. Prakashan says.

● A wealthy and successful Pakistani actress underwent past life regression and learned that in each of her previous lives dating back 800 years, she'd murdered her own children. "She loved her two toddlers dearly and couldn't shake the fear that she might do something to harm them," says the expert. "She consulted psychiatrist after psychiatrist, who assured her she was not homicidal.

"Finally, to protect her kids were hiding in the back seat."

● An Italian college student majoring in literature was delighted to learn through hypnosis that he had lived before as famous 17th-century mathematician Rene Descartes. He excitedly changed his major to math and put his mind to work trying to solve the most vexing problems facing modern mathematicians. Unfortunately, he found he had no head for numbers — and became increasingly frustrated by the mind-bendingly complex equations.

"By the time security officers carted him off to a campus mental health facility, he was literally a

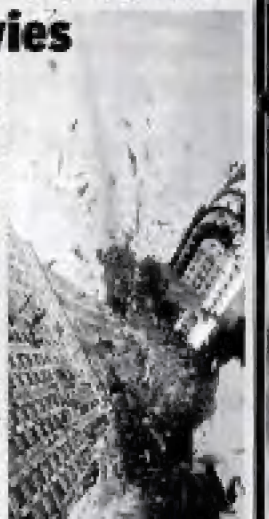
BE CAREFUL when trying to find out details of a past life, says a top researcher — you may not like what you hear!

Osama loves to watch disaster movies

EVIL-CRAZED terror chief Osama Bin Laden's fascination with death and destruction dates back to his teenage years in the 1970s — when he was a huge fan of the cheesy Irwin Allen disaster movies!

According to former school chum Haamid al-Qayyoom, now 46, young Osama counted among his favorite flicks *The Poseidon Adventure* and *The Towering Inferno*.

"I also heard that Osama very much enjoyed Bruce Willis and the action movie



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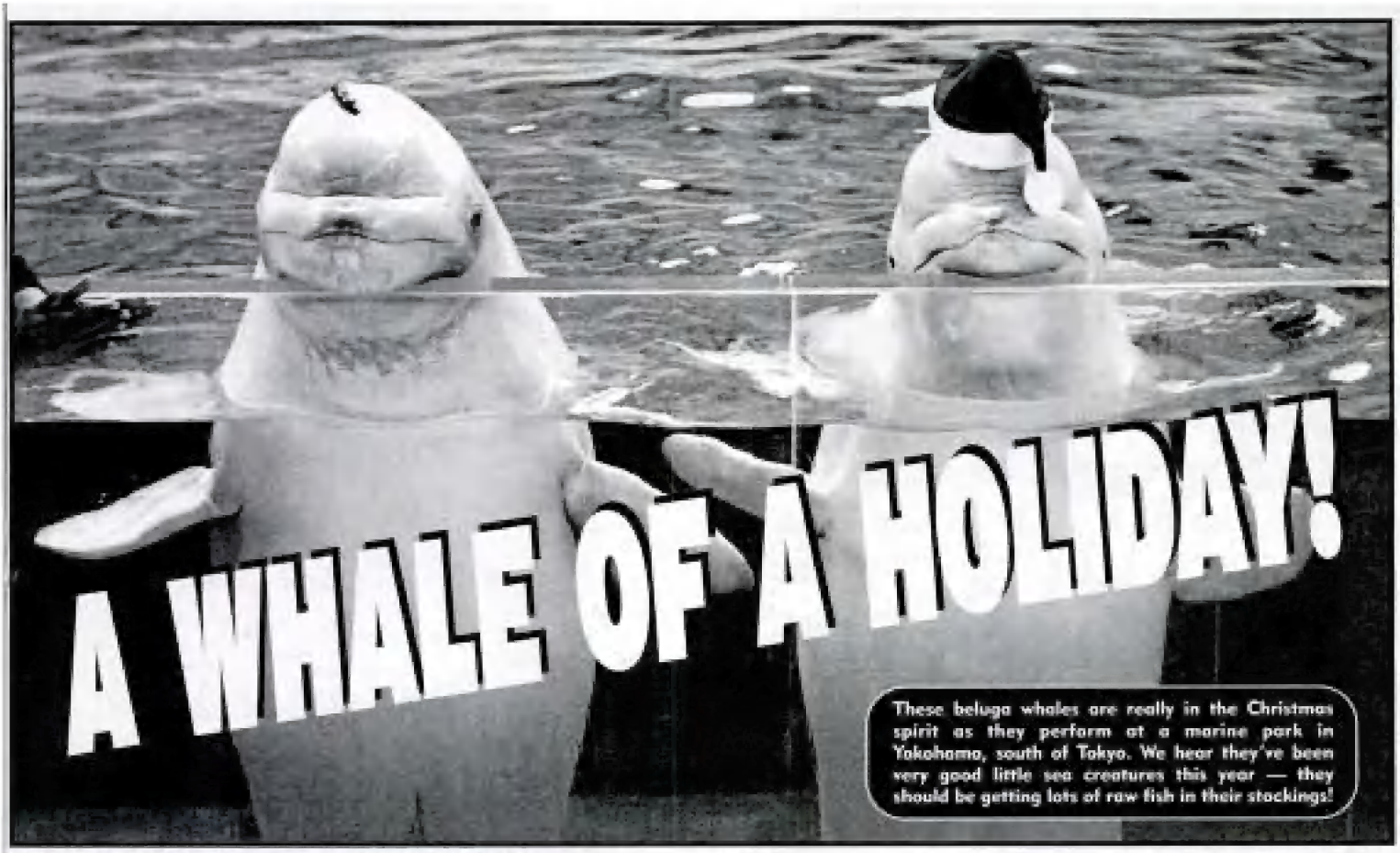
A WHALE OF A HOLIDAY!
These beluga whales are really in the Christmas spirit as they perform at a marine park in Yokohama, south of Tokyo. We hear they've been very good little sea creatures this year — they should be getting lots of raw fish in their stockings!

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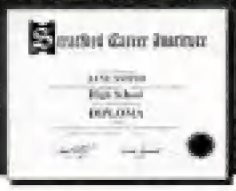

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By MICHAEL FORSYTH
Correspondent

OSAMA IS A VAMPIRE

TERRORIST kingpin Osama Bin Laden has a good excuse for being so bloodthirsty: He's a vampire, according to a shocking report!

British intelligence and CIA sources say the Al Qaeda chief deliberately allowed himself to be bitten by Turkish blood drinkers in 1986.

"Osama did it to become invincible, but he paid a terrible price — his immortal soul," reveals a source at England's MI6 spy agency, which dropped the bombshell in a secret report to Prime Minister Tony Blair.

"It was soon after Bin Laden was 'converted' that he went from being a hero devoted to driving the Soviets out of Afghanistan to the evil figure we know today."

As farfetched as that might sound, U.S. experts who've reviewed the Brits' evidence say it would explain a lot.

Shocking secret behind his vanishing act

"We know Bin Laden secretly traveled to Turkey early in 1986 and the region he visited, Mount Nemrut, isn't known for much but mountain goats and well-documented reports of vampire attacks," says Randy Mochling, a D.C.-based counter-terrorism expert.

"It would explain Bin Laden's apparent invulnerability. During the war in Afghanistan, a Marine lieutenant claims he cornered Osama deep in a cave and shot him six times in the chest at point-blank range — but his bullets had no effect. At the time, the story was chalked up to darkness and confusion, but as we connect the dots, it begins to make sense."

Other pieces of evidence:

● Bin Laden's gaunt, pale appearance — This matches classic descriptions of the undead.

● Mystery illness — Soon after Al Qaeda was routed from Afghanistan, Osama was reportedly treatments now believed to be massive transfusions, he bounced back, more vigorous than ever.

● His elusiveness — Vampires have the power to transform themselves into animals or even fog, according to folklore.

● His invulnerability — Military planners were baffled when Bin Laden walked away from the Tora Bora cave complex in Afghanistan after it was destroyed with daisy cutters. "Nothing human could have survived that," a dumbfounded U.S. General said at the time.

● His hypnotic control — After meeting Osama's mesmerizing gaze, men willingly become suicide bombers and follow other orders blindly.

Turkey has been a breeding ground for vampires since the Mid-

ish army that invaded Europe in the 15th century," says Romanian folklorist Vasile Bogasieru.

"The vampire invasion was repelled chiefly by Prince Vlad of Wallachia, who impaled thousands of them on huge wooden stakes.

"Ironically Vlad the Impaler, also known as Dracula, became the basis for the character in Bram Stoker's novel."

Bin Laden would have been well aware of Turkey's unsavory reputation.

"When his guerrilla war against the Soviets seemed like a lost cause, Bin Laden did what he had to do to give his side the edge," explains Mochling.

According to British intelligence, Bin Laden usually travels under the cover of darkness and sleeps in

teenage boys in cages as a source

blood.

"Most of them are willing donor who've been brainwashed into b lieving it's an honor to give the blood for the jihad," says the MI6 i sider.

Bin Laden's unearthly nature known only to his inner circle.

"In Islam, drinking of huma blood is strictly forbidden," explai Mochling. "If his supporte throughout the Muslim worl learned the awful truth, they'd tur on him."

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BLOODSUCKER? Artist's conception of Osama as fanged vampire.

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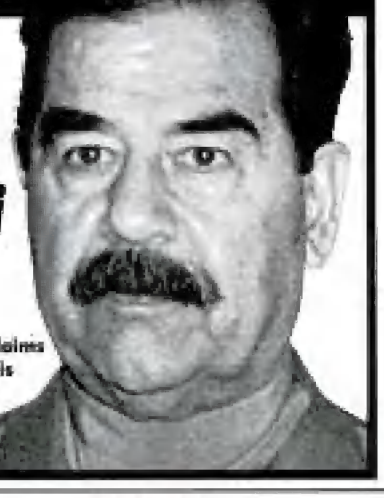

UNHAPPY Iraqi claims Saddam fondled his daughters — and molested his son.

A DIEHARD supporter of Saddam Hussein hid the fugitive former dictator in his home for 10 days — and found out firsthand that the guy is a jerk!

The 54-year-old peasant, who lives in Saddam's hometown of Tikrit — a hotbed of anti-coalition activity — admits he was shocked and disappointed by the Butcher of Baghdad's crass behavior.

I'M GLAD he's gone, says Akbar.

Akbar al-Baasit claims Saddam was a pushy, rude, overbearing slob who ate him out of house and home and was too cheap to pay for his lodging.

"I always believed His Excellency was a great man and when I was asked to shield him, I considered it the biggest honor of my life," the father of four revealed in an interview with respected Arab wire service Saaidiqa.

"But he behaved like a pampered Hollywood diva, demanding to be waited on hand and foot and offering nothing in return. He bossed me around in my own home as if I were a servant.

"What's worse, he abused my hospitality by fondling my daughters and seducing my eldest son."

The longtime Baath Party member risked his own safety by keeping Saddam under his roof in late October. During that time the tyrant:

- Refused to sleep on an ordinary mattress because it was "too lumpy" and insisted a more comfortable one be purchased at his host's expense.
- Threw chicken bones and other garbage on the floor for his hosts to pick up.
- Insisted on a luxurious goat milk "beauty bath" daily.
- Urinated on the floor because he was too lazy to walk to the bathroom.
- Demanded his favorite meals be cooked three times a day — and cursed ferociously if the food arrived on the table a minute late.
- Freely slapped the buttocks of Akbar's wife and his two teen daughters.

"The first time he touched my wife's bottom and told me I should thank Allah for providing me with such a woman, I took it as a compliment," Akbar says. "But as he kept doing it, it became obnoxious."

However, it was Saddam's advances toward the peasant's son that rattled him most. Akbar had heard rumors that Saddam was gay and even that while on the run he'd entered into a homosexual marriage with Osama Bin Laden.

"I had dismissed the tales as wicked lies," Akbar says.

However, after observing Saddam up close, he's now singing a different tune.

"I had told His Excellency he was free to take the bedroom where my 21-year-old son normally sleeps, but he told me he would honor my son by allowing him to share the bed," Akbar recalls.

"One morning, I noticed my son weeping and asked what was wrong. He told me that Saddam had ordered him to have sex."

That was the straw that broke the camel's back.

"I politely told His Excellency I thought it would be a good idea if he moved on, because I feared my home might soon be searched by the Americans," says the peasant.

"He left without a problem but he didn't pay me anything for his stay."

Akbar says that while he used to be an enthusiastic supporter of the anti-U.S. resistance, he's no longer a big fan of Saddam.

"He is not a good man," Akbar now concedes.

— By GEORGE SANFORD

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EVE'S DIARY FOUND!

ARCHAEOLOGISTS DISCOVER 'MOTHER OF ALL FINDS' IN GARDEN OF EDEN

PREVIOUS to the finding of Eve's diary, the only other written account of the first couple's lives was in the Holy Bible.

IN WHAT'S excitedly being described as "the mother of all archaeological finds," researchers excavating the ruins of the Garden of Eden have discovered what they believe is Eve's diary!

By MIKE FOSTER
Correspondent

The astonishing discovery was made by U.S. government archaeologists at the mysterious oasis in southern Iraq, where a detachment of the 1st U.S. Marine Expeditionary Force stumbled across the birthplace of mankind earlier this year.

"It is impossible to overstate the significance of this artifact," declares Dr. Issac Weitzman, an Israeli expert in dead languages who has been working with American linguists on a translation of the ancient document.

"These are the first written words of the first woman ever to walk the face of the Earth. They offer a window into a world that no longer exists — a paradise in which humans could communicate directly with God.

"The diary provides remarkable insight into the mind of Eve — in some ways very childlike, like the writings of an American teenager — yet endowed with a purity that could only have existed before the fall of man.

Genesis, it gives skeptics clear, convincing proof that the Holy Bible is literally true."

The words are etched on a set of 25 small metal plates, the pages bound together by wire into a binder. The metal is an unknown alloy that appears to be impervious to rust or other normal forms of decay.

"It's far too sophisticated to have been constructed by a woman who lived millions of years ago," says Dr Weitzman. "More likely, it was a gift directly from God, so that Eve would be able to record her thoughts."

The text does not resemble any existing Earth language.

"When I saw it I recognized it at once as angelic script — a form of writing generally seen only when a religious person is possessed by an angelic entity and has pen and paper close to hand," says Dr. Weitzman.

"The language is believed to be the original tongue from which all others descend — the one spoken before the Tower of Babel."

Even for Dr. Weitzman, one of only a handful of experts familiar with angelic script, translating the job is "only 10 percent complete," he says.

The unearthing of the diary, much like the discovery of the Garden of Eden, about 85 miles southwest of Al Kut, in the early days of Operation Iraqi Freedom, is being kept out of the mainstream press at the request of the U.S. government.

"Officially, all this is classified," says a source close to the chief civil administrator in Iraq, L. Paul Bremer. "Iraq is already a powder keg — the feeling is we can't afford to release any news that could stir up religious fanatics."

Here, translated into modern English, are some intriguing excerpts from the diary:

"Had a picnic in the garden with A. Again. He's sweet but so boring. Calls me his "little rib" and thinks that's cute. G is getting on my nerves. He's so bossy sometimes. Of course he's always right, so you can't argue with him. Isn't that annoying? Met my special friend S again in the woods. Says I'm pretty and he thinks I have "great potential." More about that soon.

who understands the real me. He keeps needling me about the fruit though. S says G is just jealous and that he's afraid if I go ahead and eat the fruit I'll be just as smart as him. Should I go for it? Decisions, decisions. I'll tell you how things turned out.

* * *

Well, I did it. And I must say, O.K., what's the big deal? I don't feel the slightest bit different, same old me. By the way, did I tell you we're totally naked? What is that yucky thing Adam has down there supposed to be for? He just uses it to water the garden, but it bugs me. PS. Looked at my reflection in the pond and does my rear end ever look big! Should I cover it up with some leaves or something, I wonder?

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A found out about the apple thing. Got into a major row. He's still pacing up and down, shouting. He can be such a wimp sometimes. Called him "fraidy cat" and now he's pouting. Hello, it's only a piece of fruit!

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Oh-oh. G knows. Major punish-

My America

BY ED ANGER

I BLAME BILL CLINTON FOR THE MESS IN IRAQ

AFTER eight long years with Clinton in charge, it's a wonder the republic still exists, says Ed.

I'M MADDER than Monica Lewinsky with a pair of worn-out kneepads at how these stinking Demorats blame President Bush for the quagmire in Iraq!

That's right, folks, I used the Q-word. According to Reuters, more of our boys have already bought the farm over in Iraq than in the first three years of Vietnam. So it's time to start calling a spade a spade. It's also high time we start pointing the finger of blame where it belongs.

the country instead of playing "Meet the Presidential Staff" with that porker Monica when he started bombing the hell out Saddam in 1998, we'd have taken it seriously.

Instead, us patriotic conservatives figured he was just trying to take the country's mind off the scandal. So Congress put Iraq on the back burner until it was too late.

And that's just for starters. I hold that pot-puffing, draft-dodging, perjuring rascal responsible for just about all the problems America is facing today.

We can also blame Bill for:

...& that's not all!

by and let this degenerate filth flourish like ragweed.

● **FIDEL CASTRO** — That old fuddy-duddy was on the way out until homely, big-boned Janet Reno kidnapped little Elian Gonzalez and shipped him back to his commie dad in Cuba. That PR coup revived Castro's popularity — and now it looks like he'll be there 'til the cows come home.

● **DRUG EPIDEMIC** — How do you expect young folks to say no to drugs after Bill brags about puffing Mary Jane on TV? By contrast, President Bush says forthrightly he hasn't used illegal drugs in 25 years — minimum.

● **9/11** — When Bill's term ended, he left behind a plan for how Bush should go after Osama Bin Laden in Afghanistan. On 9/11, that would leave something that vital behind on a desk? I reckon if Clinton knew the Russians were planning to nuke us, he'd have stuck a Post-It note on a typewriter.

● **THE CREDIBILITY GAP** — Lots of folks think President Bush flat-out lied to the nation about Saddam buying uranium for his nuke program from Africa. We always used to believe what presidents told us before Clinton went on TV and told his whopper, "I did not have sex with that woman."

● **JESSICA LYNCH RAPE** — Clinton and his feminazi pals pushed the Army hard to allow women soldiers in combat zones. Poor Jessie paid the price.

● **LOUSY ECONOMY** — The economy started to go south in the last days of the Clinton administration. So Slick Willie is to blame for the rotten state of the economy right now — unless things have picked up by the time this column comes out, in which case the credit goes to good ol' Dubya!

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EXCLUSIVE POLICE BEAT

By JOE CRAFT
Crime Reporter

GRANNY CRIME SPREE!

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CABBIE GLUED TO CAR

Not only did two robbers steal all the money a German taxi driver had just earned, but before taking off they glued his hands to the steering wheel of his cab!

Dresden cops say the men pulled a gun on the 31-year-old cabbie after he drove them to their destination. They stole about $350 and then stuck him to the wheel with superglue.

ROBBERY EXTINGUISHED

A quick-thinking cashier chased off some robbers by spraying them with a fire extinguisher.

Police in Sydney, Australia, say three men forced their way into a jewelry store and started ransacking the place. One of the employees grabbed the extinguisher and set it off, covering the crooks in white foam.

The soaked trio ran out of the store, leaving behind their loot.

WORLD'S LONGEST JEWEL HEIST

Ohio police say a woman and her husband headed a ring of jewel thieves who stole $500,000 worth of diamonds — one rock at a time, in a slow-motion spree over four years.

Akron cops say the woman worked for a large jewelry company. On a regular basis beginning in 1999, she'd take a single jewel from the diamond-sorting area and go home with it. She and her husband would then have friends sell the diamonds at pawnshops and jewelry stores.

HANDS OFF, YOU WHIPPER SNAPPERS! Cops in Belarus arrest yet another elderly troublemaker.

Codgers rob bank, smuggle drugs, say stunned cops

TWO OLD ladies have been arrested for major crimes in two cities: One used a shotgun to hold up a bank, while the other masterminded a massive marijuana-smuggling operation.

The two crimes are related only in the fact that they were allegedly perpetrated by women old enough to be the mothers or grandmothers of the cops who busted them.

Police in Podgorica, Macedonia, say 61-year-old Jugoslava Tomovic walked into a bank, pulled out a shotgun and demanded cash.

Luckily, a quick-thinking teller was able to hit the alarm. Cops descended on the bank and arrested the senior crook.

They say she told them she robbed the bank because she was bored and looking for some excitement.

More disturbing was the arrest of a 79-year-old South African woman on drug-smuggling charges.

Detectives in Durban say an undercover cop busted the woman's plan to fly a shipment of marijuana to the United Kingdom. She was arrested.

A second undercover raid nabbed one of her alleged partners, a 34-year-old man who was busted in Johannesburg. Police haven't said how extensively the accused smugglers have operated, but experts say Australia supplies most of the marijuana seized in the United Kingdom.

RAP SHEET

'NASTY' RAPPER BANNED

HE'S STILL famous for *As Nasty As They Wanna Be*, a raunchy record he put out as leader of 2 Live Crew almost 15 years ago. And nasty behavior is still bringing trouble for Luther Campbell, who's been banned from paid performance in South Carolina for the next five years.

Campbell pleaded guilty to an obscenity charge related to his performance at a club in North Charleston. He was charged with "aiding and abetting another person to expose body parts in a lewd and lascivious manner," after a woman at the club got naked during his show.

DOWN & DIRTY Luther Campbell landed in hot water after a gal got naked at one of his shows.

Campbell, a Miami native, got a six-month suspended sentence in return for agreeing to keep his paid show out of South Carolina. He can perform for free there, the judge says.

Campbell often makes free appearances at voter registration drives and to discuss the First Amendment, but prosecutors want him to take his paid show elsewhere.

DOPE OF THE WEEK

DRUNK LURES COPS WITH LICENSE PLATE

IF YOU'RE going to drive drunk, you probably shouldn't go bragging about it with a license plate that reads, "2DRUNK."

But that's just what a

him arrested.

Hauled into court, the dopey driver got a $400 fine and had his license suspended after admitting he'd been cruising after boozing.

He also got a lecture from the judge, who told

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What do you want most in your life? To have more money, more love, more luck, to buy a new car, pay off your debts, go traveling, help your loved-ones, succeed in an important exam or competition...?

Choose your 7 wishes NOW!

- ❑ 1. Win the lottery jackpot within two weeks
- ❑ 2. Win a big prize ($10,000.00 minimum) on an instant-win scratch card
- ❑ 3. Win on the horse races
- ❑ 4. Immediately win a sum of money (indicate the amount you'd like to win on your special Form)
- ❑ 5. Have a monthly income of $5,000.00
- ❑ 6. Win at the casino
- ❑ 7. Have enough money to buy a house
- ❑ 8. Sell or set up my own business
- ❑ 9. Win enough money to never have to work again
- ❑ 10. See my kids do really well in their studies
- ❑ 11. Get a new car
- ❑ 12. Travel around the world
- ❑ 13. Have enough money to help out my family
- ❑ 14. Retire with enough money to have no worries
- ❑ 15. Become the owner of a property that I could rent out
- ❑ 16. Succeed in an important exam or competition
- ❑ 17. Become one of the wealthy people
- ❑ 18. Never have any more money problems
- ❑ 19. Buy a boat
- ❑ 20. Go on a cruise
- ❑ 21. Win lots of money in the lottery so I could give up working now
- ❑ 22. Have a house in the country
- ❑ 23. Get promoted at work
- ❑ 24. Find a job which is enjoyable and pays well
- ❑ 25. Find true love at last
- ❑ 26. Be madly loved by someone
- ❑ 27. Marry the person I love
- ❑ 28. Attract men
- ❑ 29. Attract women
- ❑ 30. Be on TV
- ❑ 31. Make new friends
- ❑ 32. Solve my financial problems once and for all
- ❑ 33. Be able to stop working with a substantial monthly income

So that's it! Have you chosen your 7 wishes? Then quickly complete the original of the Form beside and return it without delay to Maria Duval.

Please, don't hesitate. Remember,

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Mail today to: Maria Duval, 55 Madison Ave., Suite 400, #4070, Morristown, NJ 07960-7348

YES my dear Maria Duval! accept your offer with pleasure. I would like you to try and realize the 7 Secret Wishes which I have indicated below FOR ME, FREE OF CHARGE.

I understand that I'll never be asked for any money in return for the realization of my 7 Secret Wishes, neither now nor later.

Subject to this condition, please see below the 7 Wishes I'd most like to see coming true in my life:

Indicate here the number corresponding to the 7 Wishes you'd most like to see coming true in your life (no more than 7) :

I have chosen wish No. 4, so the amount I'd like to win is: $_____

In a few days' time, you are going to receive a large white envelope containing your secret instructions. Read them carefully, and expect to see some big changes taking place in your life after a few days.

IMPORTANT NOTICE – Answer the following confidential questionnaire:

1. Do you have any financial problems? ❑ yes ❑ no
   How much money do you urgently need? $_____
2. Are you unlucky (do you feel like you're born under a bad star)? ❑ yes ❑ no
3. Are you working? ❑ yes ❑ no
   Are you retired? ❑ yes ❑ no
4. Are you married or do you have a spouse? ❑ yes ❑ no
5. Are there major problems in your love or family life? ❑ yes ❑ no
6. Do you feel lonely or misunderstood? ❑ yes ❑ no
7. Do you feel as if a spell has been cast on you, like someone has sent bad luck your way? ❑ yes ❑ no

IMPORTANT – Please write below, in a few words, the question that disturbs you the most (IN CAPITALS):

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Age: I am ___ years old ADVF

Date of birth: _____

Hour of birth: ____/____ ❑ AM
(If you know it)-Hour Minute ❑ PM

Place of Birth: City/ Town: _____

State/Province: _____

Country: _____

I confirm my astrological sign is: _____

(IN CAPITALS) ❑ Ms. ❑ Miss ❑ Mrs. ❑ Mr.

FIRST NAME _____

LAST NAME _____

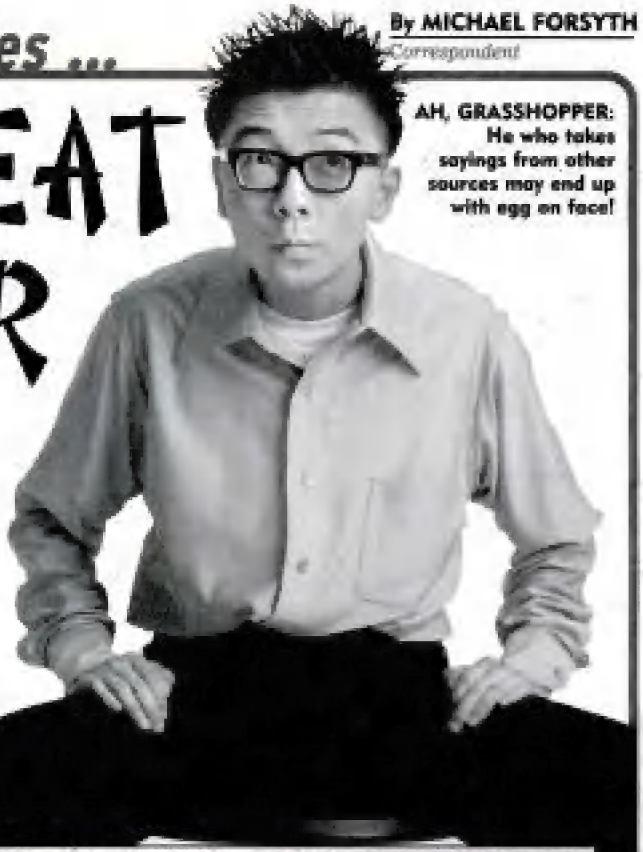
ADDRESS _____

That's how the cookie crumbles ...

By MICHAEL FORSYTH
Correspondent

CHINA'S GREAT PHILOSOPHER EXPOSED AS FRAUD!

– AFTER HE ADMITS HE GETS ALL HIS SAYINGS FROM FORTUNE COOKIES



AH, GRASSHOPPER: He who takes sayings from other sources may end up with egg on face!

FOR MORE than a decade, Liu Po Wang has been hailed by academics as the greatest Chinese philosopher since Confucius. But he was exposed as a fraud after it turned out all his pithy sayings came from fortune cookies!

"I am deeply ashamed — I have dishonored my family," the 27-year-old former barber confessed in a televised news conference.

"I never meant to deceive anyone. I always liked to collect fortune cookies and I got in the habit of quoting them. People assumed these were ideas I'd come up with on my own and things just sort of snowballed."

Since 1993, more than 45 million copies of various books devoted to the collected sayings of Liu Po have been sold in China. Universities nationwide offer courses on his teachings and eggheads have made a cottage industry of picking apart his every word for hidden meaning.

No one is more stunned than Dr. Jiang Hu Fong, a professor at Beijing University who wrote his doctoral thesis on Liu Po's philosophy and has spent most of the past 10 years analyzing his teachings.

"What made Liu Po so exciting was his accessibility and authenticity. His teachings seemed to be ence," says Dr. Fong, author of *Modern Day Confucius: The Wisdom of Liu Po Wang, Deconstructing Liu Po Wang* and six other books on the sage.

"When the truth came out I was flabbergasted and so were my colleagues."

Liu Po's teachings first surfaced in the early 1990s, when a newspaper in his hometown of Chengdu began to run the young barber's "Saying of the Week."

"A reporter who got his hair cut at Liu Po's shop found his remarks very deep, especially for a young adult, and asked for permission to run them," explains Chinese journalist Yao Wu Xuede, who uncovered the fraud.

him and he became an overnight sensation. Before you knew it, Liu Po was giving radio interviews, delivering lectures around the country and conferring with other Chinese philosophers."

The truth finally surfaced in October, when Xuede, who was interviewing the philosopher at his home for a magazine article, noticed that one of his "profound" comments sounded awfully familiar.

"It bothered me all night — and then it hit me that I'd seen the exact words on a fortune cookie months earlier," says Xuede. "Unable to believe this great thinker had plagiarized a cookie, I casually asked him about it the next day."

When confronted, Liu Po didn't lie. Instead, he invited the journalist the startled man his collection of more than 12,000 fortune-cookie sayings, taped neatly to all four walls and organized by topic.

"I think Liu Po was a bit relieved to reveal the truth," says Xuede. "He's very humble and was never comfortable with all the attention."

Liu Po said in the news conference that he'll now return to doing what he does best — cutting hair and giving free advice.

While Dr. Fong was so devastated to learn his intellectual idol is a phony that he vows never to teach another course on him, other academics say Liu Po's words should still be studied.

"Regardless of where these wise thoughts actually originate, they remain valid," another philos-

WORDS TO LIVE BY — FROM FORTUNE COOKIES!

Here's a sample of the pithy sayings that cemented Liu Po Wang's reputation as China's greatest living philosopher:

- **Wait until the fruit is ripe before you pick it.**
- **Your neighbor's wife seems more beautiful than your own.**
- **If you swim in the muddy river too often you will encounter the crocodile.**
- **Forgiveness belongs to the strong.**
- **You cannot be cruel and say God is on your side.**
- **Find yourself by losing yourself in the service of others.**
- **Suffering cheerfully endured becomes joy.**
- **To make a bull bow its head, lead it to water.**
- **You cannot fight fire with water from far away.**
- **Worry as much about fame as a pig worries about being fat.**

IS YOUR SPOUSE NUTS?

By VICKIE YORK
Correspondent

Take this simple quiz and find out!

IF YOUR hubby's gone off the deep end, grab the kids and get out of the house — before it's too late!

WARNING! Your wife or husband may be a dangerous lunatic and you might not even know it. But fortunately, you can protect yourself by taking this simple test. How many telltale signs can you spot that your mate's trolley has jumped its tracks?

"According to a recent study released by government mental-health officials, at least one in five Americans suffers from some form of mental illness, ranging from depression to psychosis," reveals Dr. Terry Ebel, a leading psychiatrist.

"To the layman, the symptoms often go unrecognized. The illness goes untreated and gets progressively worse until, all too often, it culminates in an explosion of violence, destruction of property or, most tragic of all, suicide."

Here, from the expert, are 10 warning signs that your spouse has gone bananas. How many can you spot in your other half?

1 MOOD SWINGS – Extreme changes in behavior. Being upbeat and pleasant one day, sullen and hostile the next, could be a sign of bipolar disorder (also known as manic depression) or worse, multiple-personality disorder.

2 FORGETS ENTIRE CONVERSATIONS – People who suffer from multiple-personality disorder will typically forget everything that happened when one of their other personalities was in the driver's seat.

3 TALKS TO SELF – Although widely and erroneously believed to be "harmless," this behavior is actually one of the classic signs of schizophrenia — particularly if the conversation is a heated argument.

4 CURSES FREQUENTLY – When a person who used to blush upon hearing a swear word suddenly begins to cuss like a sailor, it's a sign that his or her impulse control is on the fritz. "There's no telling what such individuals might do next," the expert points out. "You may suddenly see them running down the street naked or lighting the house on fire."

5 INCAPABLE OF LOGIC – Does your mate always disagree with even your most reasonable proposals, while using cockeyed reasoning to justify his or her be-

to conduct what psychiatrists call "reality testing" may be shot.

6 COLLECTS USELESS THINGS – Your mate's "hobby" may not be simply stupid. Accumulating junk and jealously protecting it, like a homeless bag lady, is another symptom of schizophrenia.

7 MAKES DOWNBEAT STATEMENTS – People who constantly complain that "life isn't fair," for example, may be clinically depressed and on the verge of suicide.

8 IGNORES YOU – When you speak, does your mate act as if he or she isn't listening? This often occurs when mentally ill people are

9 TELLS LIES – If you frequently catch your mate in lies, especially lots of minor ones, beware. This is a classic trait of psychopaths — the category of mental illness that includes killers like Ted Bundy.

10 OBSESSED WITH VIOLENCE – A husband who watches nothing on TV but professional wrestling, football, blood 'n' guts action movies and war coverage could be a walking time bomb, ready to explode at any moment.

"If you recognize three or more of these signs in your spouse," advises Dr. Ebel, "take the children

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HAUNTED HOTEL

World's most bizarre hotel caters to ghosts!

By MICHAEL CHIRON
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THIS PATRON seems startled by an apparition — but he's just another spooky guest at the haunted hotel.

VISIT the swank four-star Chateau Lumiere hotel in Paris and you might notice that things seem a bit dead. There's a good reason: It's the only hotel in the world run by and for ghosts!

Not only all the guests, but every single member of the staff, from the concierge to the lowliest chambermaid, are dead as doornails!

When most living people drop by, they see nothing but an empty lobby, corridors and suites. Perhaps, occasionally, they'll hear chattering voices, laughter or footsteps coming from nowhere, catch a whiff of a perfume that hasn't been on the market for 60 years, or see a glimpse of shadows moving along the wall.

But psychics who enter the hotel swear they see much more: Bustling bellhops toting steamer trunks; guests enjoying cocktails at the bar; flappers dancing the fox-trot in the huge ballroom; and long-dead businessmen doing cannonballs in the Olympic-size swimming pool.

Chateau Lumiere is the brainchild of Marie Rochelle, a mega-wealthy psychic and astrologer to the stars who dipped into her personal fortune to purchase the 19th-century hotel and renovate it — turning it into a first-class facility with all the modern amenities.

"The notion that every ghost inhabits a haunted house and may even be bound to it is inaccurate," declares Madam Marie, as the 51-year-old psychic is known professionally.

"Many people who meet their ends while traveling — such as those who die at sea or in air wrecks — are left adrift to wander the Earth. That is to say nothing of the thousands of spirits who are dislodged from their homes by exorcists.

"When I learned of this, through my many seances, I thought, 'Why not give these poor souls a comfortable place to rest their heads.'"

But Chateau Lumiere, which opened for business last July, is more than merely comfortable. The accommodations include:

- Four restaurants
- Eight tennis courts
- A golf course
- Jacuzzi tubs in each room
- 24-hour room service
- Beauty parlor
- A full-time masseuse
- A library with more than 50,000 books.

"We wanted to create a luxurious environment where guests feel they could stay for all eternity," says the big-hearted hotel owner, who doesn't charge for lodging. "And of course, many of them will."

Recruiting the ghostly staff was a task Madam Marie handled personally.

"I'd visit hotels where a chambermaid committed suicide or a bellman was struck by a stray bullet and tell the spirit, 'I have a job opening,'" she explains. "In most cases, the spirits

She's proudest of the hotel's chief gourmet chef, Henri Ricard, who perished in a car wreck in 1955.

"Henri is a legend in the hotel industry," the lady psychic says. "Securing his services was quite a coup."

Psychic Robert Manning says he was touched after a recent visit to the hotel.

"A *Titanic* passenger who had recently arrived at the hotel with her two young children told me they'd been wandering like lost souls for more than 90 years — she was so grateful

THIS AMAZING photograph shows a ghost who regularly haunts the honeymoon suite of Chateau Lumiere.

GHOSTLY FACTS

- The early Celtic calender began each year on November 1 with the festival of Samain, when ghosts and demons were said to roam the Earth. In 835 this was instituted as All Saints' Day, preceded by All Hallows' Eve — or, as we know it now, Halloween.
- The Pac Man video arcade game featured colored ghosts named Inky, Blinky, Pinky and Clyde.
- According to a Gallup poll, 11 percent of the U.S. population believes in ghosts and other supernatural entities.
- Lawrence of Arabia's ghost is said to be heard riding his motorbike near his

Dear Dotti

AMERICA'S MOST OUTSPOKEN, IN-YOUR-FACE COLUMNIST

SHE SAYS...

"You can't keep changing men, so you settle for changing your lipstick." — Actress Heather Locklear

VITAL STATISTICS — Born: Sept. 25, 1961, in Los Angeles. Height: 5 feet 5 inches. Hair: Blonde. Eyes: Blue. Marital status: Married to Bon Jovi guitarist Richie Sambora.

HOW CAN I TELL MY HUBBY I'M IN LOVE WITH HIS TWIN?

DEAR DOTTI: After 22 wonderful years with my husband, Paul, I noticed that the snap, crackle and pop was missing from our sex life, which, to tell you the truth, never was all that good anyway.

I innocently confided in his twin sister, Paula, whom I've always thought to be a lovely and level-headed person. The next thing I know, my muumuu's on the floor and I'm flat on my back in a beanbag chair begging her to "Take me now — PLEASE!" I tried to stay away from her after that, but the seconds turned to minutes and our intimacies quickly became an everyday thing. And Dotti? She's so wonderful in bed, a lot better than her dud brother. Now I want to divorce Paul, but I don't know how to tell him. Help! — New Lesbian in Clover

Dear New Lesbian: Don't tell Paulie boy anything at all. Just arrange things so he'll find you and his slut-muffin sister wallowing in bed together when he gets home from work tomorrow. I think he'll get the message.

'Granny Scrooge' won't buy me a car

Dear Dotti: My grandmother retired from the phone company last week and she's got money to burn with her pension and all. But when it comes to taking care of someone she owes a lot to — me — she's a penny-pincher, a skinflint and Scrooge all rolled into one. I'm 20 now and I deserve a nice gift because I'll be graduating from high school next

Navigator SUV that I've had my eye on, the kind that would impress a prospective employer and help me land a cushy executive job, she told me she needs her money for her "golden years." Yeah, like, what's a geezer like her going to spend it on — more heart pills and that dye that turns her hair blue? Give me a break! Help me change her mind, Dotti. I say Granny is full of bull-oney! — D.T. in Phoenix

Dear D.T.: I'll give you one of my Navigators if you promise to put your head under the front tire while I check to make sure DRIVE and REVERSE will engage 15 to 20 times in rapid succession. While you're thinking it over, pinhead, feel free to NEVER write to me again.

My breasts and butt have a story to tell

Dear Dotti: I'm a creative and fun-loving person and one of the ways I express myself is by taping notes to my breasts and buttocks when I'm at work or window-shopping at the mall. If I'm feeling flirty I'll tape slips of paper with cute things written on them, like "Sex Machine!" and "Your place or mine?" I even wear them to business meetings with special work-related slogans like "We thank you for not smoking, big boy!" on my bosom and "The bucks stop here!" on my bottom. My friends and co-workers say I'm a nut, but I think people enjoy my messages and appreciate knowing where I stand. What about you? — Word Girl in Baltimore

Dear Word Girl: If you really want people to know where you stand, write "Psychopath" on a slip of paper and tape it to your head. Even better, why don't you drive on over to the nearest loony bin — and check yourself in.

I'm so anxious and depressed I could DIE! DIE! DIE!

Dear Dotti: I feel horrible. I have no reason to live. Every day when I wake up it's everything I can do to drag myself out of bed.

and forlorn I wish I was dead. You're a smart and powerful woman who I'm sure has many important contacts who might be able to help me. I think I'm suicidal, Dotti. I need your advice. — Extremely Down in Fort Worth

Dear Extremely Down: I'd like to help you, but I've got a hair appointment and chemical peel waiting for me at the spa. Write

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Dear Trusting Lady in Covina: I don't care if he's a traveling evangelist or not — if he waltzed into church with mirrors on his shoes, he was up to no good!

Dear Scared Nerd in Appleton: Go ahead and ask her out. The worst she can do is laugh in your face — and ridicule you in front of her popular friends.

Dear Antsy in Garland: A month without lovin'? Girl, I wouldn't be antsy — I'd be kicking down telephone poles!

Dear Wants-To-Date-A-Doc in Pima: Wearing edible panties to routine examinations worked for me.

WRITE TO DOTTI PRIMROSE

Send Dotti your letters and questions — and let her tell it like it is. Write to Dear

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BECOME A MILLIONAIRE IN 2004!

AFTER years of layoffs and pay cuts, politicians are crowing that prosperity is just around the corner. But you know there's only one way you'll ever get a piece of it: By becoming a millionaire yourself. Once you're in the big-bucks club you'll be entitled to get even more money, and go from merely rich to filthy rich.

Easier said than done? Nope!

There's a pile of dough out there just waiting for you to rake it in, and you can get your hands on it with the cutting-edge advice of *Weekly World News'* team of top-notch financial experts. We've assembled them for our annual money management guide, to help you start the new year off right: As the fat cat you've always deserved to be.

Just follow this foolproof map of the road to riches, and you'll be on Easy Street before you know it!

— By JOE KELLY

DOLLARS FROM THE SKY? If you follow our experts' financial advice for the

SLASH YOUR SPENDING & WATCH YOUR MONEY GROW

IF YOU'RE flat broke and drowning in debt, you probably think you can't scrape together enough to save a nest egg or invest in a moneymaking venture.

And you're flat wrong, say our financial experts!

"Everyone has extra money when it comes to unnecessary luxuries like gourmet coffee or movies and concerts," says certified financial planner Walter Janefsky. "No matter how tight you think your budget is, no matter how frugal you think you're being, I guarantee you I can find at least $10 a week that you're wasting on silly things — and could be putting aside so that it accumulates into serious money.

"If you buy a fancy $3 coffee every morning before work, you're spending $15 a week on that alone. Brewing your own coffee at home will cost you pennies a day.

"Now let's take that $15 a week, say $60 a month, and put it in an account earning just 2 percent interest. In 12 months you'd have more than $700. You won't be rich — but it's $700 more than you'd have if you continued wasting your

of the stuff you used to drink, you may have enough money saved to move it into a fund that gives you a better interest rate."

Janefsky and others on the *Weekly World News* financial-management team have many other painless ways to slash spending and save money. Here are their best ideas:

- Have a small amount of your paycheck automatically transferred to your savings account each month, in addition to whatever you might be saving in a retirement fund. After a few paychecks you'll be used to living without that small amount — which means you won't be tempted to spend it.
- If you smoke, quit — for your financial health. At $4 a pack, a one-pack-a-day smoker spends more than $1,400 a year on cigarettes. Quit now and save the money, and you'll cover a big chunk of your kid's college costs or your retirement fund.
- Brown-bag your lunch instead of going out every day. If you miss the social fun of going out with friends, why not suggest everyone bring their own lunch and save money together?
- Save hundreds and even thousands on movies, by going to afternoon matinees instead of evening shows or by renting a video to watch at home. If you just have to get out of the house at night, there's probably a discount cinema that charges as little as $1 for second-run movies — those that are about to move to video.
- Quit your book club and don't renew magazine subscriptions. Get your reading free from the library or on the Internet. Most magazines have free on-line versions; buying a subscription while you're paying for Internet access is like paying the same magazine bill twice!
- At the end of the day, toss your excess change into a jar and forget about it until the end of the month — when you can take it all down to the bank and deposit it to your savings account.

QUIT SMOKING — and you'll

WWN SPECIAL GET-RICH REPORTS

SAVING PENNIES a day may not seem like much — but they'll turn into dollars at the end of the year!

amount you jot down in your register. If the check is for $12.50, for instance, pretend it's for $13. When you balance your account, you'll have a little extra that you can save somewhere.

● Once you pay off a debt, don't increase your everyday spending — put those old payments into a savings account or, better yet, apply them to your other debts. If you keep putting your car-payment money into a savings account for a year or two, you'll have a nice down payment on your next vehicle — you might even be able to pay cash!

"Think of it like a game," Janefsky says. "Many of my clients get so excited about 'winning' the game, they end up coming up with some very creative ideas on their own.

"But before undertaking any of these strategies," he advises, "you must identify your spending habits. Don't change anything for a month, and track every penny so you can see exactly where it's been going. When you look back at all the little things that are draining your wallet, you'll be amazed.

"But I also think you'll be hopeful. No matter how 'poor' you think you are, you will finally see a clear path to your finan-

10 SUREFIRE GET-RICH-NOW SCHEMES

FOLLOW these easy wallet-fattening business ideas and get ready to start living it up:

1 On-line auctions: Thousands of people are making a great living buying and selling their unwanted junk on eBay and other Internet auction sites. Your first sale can be pure profit if you auction off those useless Christmas gifts you got instead of just exchanging them.

2 Antique resales: Your grandparents' attic or basement is full of valuable furniture and bric-a-brac that well-heeled collectors are crazy for. And it doesn't have to be in great condition. One of the hottest looks right now is "shabby chic" — the more scratches, dents and peeling paint, the better.

3 Collectibles: This is another money-maker, but you have to act fast because tastes change quickly. Old toys and games sell well, if they're in their original packaging. Check with local dealers to see what items are moving. Chances are you have just what they're looking for.

4 Comic books: They're one of the few collectibles that never go out of style, but they should also be in top condition. First issues are the most valuable comics.

5 Internet affiliates: Set up your own Web page and include an affiliate link to a moneymaking company. Anytime people click on the link, you get a share of what they spend at the other site — without doing anything more.

6 Trade stocks on-line: The stock market is finally starting to take off again, and there's still time to get some cheap deals. Talk up your picks to friends and co-workers, and watch the price soar as demand from all that buying pumps up the prices. Then sell it all for a huge profit.

7 Start an errand business: Busy people will gladly pay you to stand in line for them at the motor-vehicle office, pick up and drop off their laundry, or hang around waiting for the cable guy all day. The more free time you have, the more you can make — if you're out of work, you're sitting on a gold mine!

8 Invent something stupid: The guy who invented the Pet Rock back in the '70s is still trying to figure out how to spend all the money he made. The secret is clever packaging and smart marketing to get the word out. Come out with your product a few months before a big gift-giving holiday.

9 Become a medical test subject: You could make thousands of dollars by being a human guinea pig for new drugs and medical treatments. And you could end up quitting smoking, clearing up your allergies or making some other health improvement. Don't worry about safety: No drug may be tested on humans unless it's been through rigorous testing on animals.

10 Shop for a living: Companies actually pay people to spy on their employees, so they can find out if their workers are treating customers right. And not only could you get paid hundreds of dollars a month as a "mystery shopper," you could also get thousands of dollars worth of free meals and merchandise. Some mystery shoppers have been paid to stay in five-star hotels or drive luxury cars from rental agencies.

SMASH THAT CREDIT CARD DEBT!

YOU COULD BE DEAD before you finish paying for that new outfit or fancy dinner that you just charged to your credit card!

Just like with a home mortgage, the minimum payment on your credit card is almost all interest — and you're probably paying twice the interest rate on your credit card as you are on your home mortgage.

It could take you a staggering 45 years to pay off a balance of $5,000 if you make only the minimum payment.

That's why credit and finance experts say you MUST get rid of your credit card debt as soon as possible — even if you can afford to pay only $5 or $10 more than the minimum payment.

Once you pay off that card, stay off the credit mer-

only for emergencies. "And 'I have to have those new shoes or I'll die' is not an emergency," credit counselor Jayne McSorley says with a smile.

McSorley offers these tips for breaking the credit-card hold:

● If you have several cards, pay off the one with the highest interest rate before the others. If you can consolidate all of them into one low-interest card, do it.

● If you're getting a lot of offers for lower rates from other companies, call your company and ask them to cut your rate. They might do it to keep you as a customer.

● Watch out for low introductory rates on new cards. Find out what the rate is for new purchases — it may be more than what you're paying now.

● Save thousands of dollars

your bill twice a month. Instead of paying $50 once, pay $25 twice. The more often you pay, the more you cut the principal you owe.

● You can also save by paying a few days before the payment is due. It'll lower your average daily balance, which is how your finance charges are figured.

● If you're having trouble making your payments, call the company and work something out. They'd rather get something than nothing. They might agree to suspend interest charges until you're back on track.

● Don't skip a payment — make just the minimum payment if you must, but send at least the minimum. And send it on time, to avoid late charges that'll add to your debt and hurt

NEWS 'TOONS

"I don't care how good they look on you, I'm not giving you my sunglasses."

"For starters, junior, all female polar bears are frigid."

She gave him the best years of her life, and then . . .

Blind man regains sight — & divorces his ugly wife!

I AM NOT A MONSTER! Roger Limmers says he only wants to see beautiful things now that he has his sight back.

By KIT KARLE/*Correspondent*

DEVOTED Martha Limmers waited on her blind husband hand and foot for 22 loyal and loving years. But just 24 hours after a freak accident restored his sight, he gave her the boot because, as he puts it, "Good Lord — that woman is uglier than a pan of warts."

"Sure she's a nice person, but let's put this in perspective — I was blind when I married her and I just never realized just how hideous she really is," Roger Limmers, 67, told reporters in Cape Town, South Africa.

"I lost my sight when I was an infant and now, thanks to a miracle, my vision is 20-20.

"I know people think I'm a monster and ungrateful, but if they would only stop to think about it, they couldn't possibly fault me for wanting a divorce.

"I want to see beautiful things like butterflies and blue skies and attractive women and tall buildings and fancy cars and wonderful works of art in the years I have left.

"I don't want to see ugly things that aren't pretty to look at, ugly things like Martha."

Mrs. Limmers, 64, says she met her mate-to-be at a center for the handicapped in 1981 and fell instantly in love.

"I was a volunteer and when Roger walked in with his guide dog filled in connection with the divorce.

"He was very handsome, but a childhood illness had left him totally blind, and his blindness had destroyed his self esteem.

"He was shy, insecure and awkward around women. But I wanted him anyway — and I went all out to win him over. After a whirlwind courtship, we eloped."

Mrs. Limmers says she gave up her nursing career to take care of her husband, who was "negligent of his own needs" and "demanded round-the-clock attention."

DUMPED: Martha says she was happy serving Roger.

Together they operated a small newsstand that never made much, just enough to pay the rent, put food on the table and pay for his imported cigarettes and nightly snifter of brandy.

"She treated him like he was a living god," says Mrs. Limmers' sister, Rachel Pekens. "She bathed him and fed him and cleaned up after him. She fetched things for him and did all the chores around the house.

"He was so wimpy and whiny — he couldn't do anything for himself. If Martha didn't do it, it didn't get done. If she hadn't married Roger, he would have been stuck away somewhere in a home.

"He was completely helpless on his own."

Mrs. Limmers says both she and her husband were happy with the arrangement until a bundle of newspapers toppled from a stack and hit him on the head — restoring his sight.

"I was dazed, but when I got my senses back I realized I had an 'extra' one — I could see," says Limmers. "Then I looked at Martha and I thought, 'Oh my God — this isn't good.' I didn't prolong the agony. The next day I told her I wanted out of the marriage."

Mrs. Limmers says: "I gave him the best years of my life and stood by him through thin and thinner, because there never was any 'thick.'

"He has hurt me terribly and I'll never forgive him."

DRIVER KILLED BY SEAT BELT!

WHEN a slow-moving van dinged the fender of Maria Kinston's car in a mall parking lot, she was wearing her seat belt — and it killed her.

"She had the belt positioned just above her navel, not around her pelvic girdle where it should have been," medical examiner Kurt Schofield told reporters in Berlin, vessels around her small intestine."

Kinston, 56, was examined in an emergency room and released. Cops say she died three days later from internal bleeding.

"Safety devices such as seat belts can't be expected to work if you don't use them properly," says Schofield. "If she'd buckled up the

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Terrified in Chicago: It's not an evil spirit making the scratching noise in your attic. The culprit is a rat — he's nesting there because it's COLD outside!

Wondering in Dallas: Billy doesn't love you and he never did. But John does.

Lonely in Kinston: Oddly enough, you'll meet the woman of your dreams while waiting in line at the auto parts store. Her hair is black. Her eyes are blue. Her first name is either Jackie or Janie — and you can break the ice with her by saying, believe it or not, "Do you come here often?" She'll laugh — and you're on your way!

ST. CHRISTOPHER MEDAL HAS WRECKED MY LIFE!

DEAR SERENA: Ever since I bought an antique St. Christopher medal at a Catholic church's fund-raising garage sale, my life has been the pits.

I didn't lose my job — but I was demoted and took a pay cut. My son, who used to be a straight-A student, brought home a report card of nothing but Ds. And my next door neighbor decided to cut down a 60-foot pine tree, which fell the wrong way and landed on my house, causing structural damage that neither my neighbor nor I have insurance for. Is it possible the medal is causing my problems or am I just being superstitious? I'm a Baptist and bought it because it was pretty, not because I believe in Catholic saints. — Deeply Concerned in Fayetteville

Dear Deeply Concerned: Your St. Christopher medal is a fake that was worn by Satan when he walked eastern North Carolina in the guise of a door-to-door scissor sharpener, seducing and impregnating several women who succumbed to his evil charms. That was in 1910 and 1911, and the children he spawned are now, thankfully, all dead — and burning in their father's lakes of fire. Meanwhile, the medal continues to exert an evil influence over its owners, including you. To banish this evil from your life, put it in a mayonnaise or pickle jar, cover it with salt, screw the lid on tight — and bury it in your back yard.

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Dear Sonya: I'm 18 and I just moved into my first apartment away from my parents and now I wish I was back home. It's all because of this crazy old lady who lives next door to me. She heard me jokingly call a friend of mine "ugly" one day and thought I was talking to her. She started yelling at me and said she was going to ruin my life with "roots." I don't know what she's talking about, but I'm scared. Am I in any danger? — Needs Help in Columbia

Dear Needs Help: The manipulation of roots to neutralize an enemy is a common practice among practitioners of voodoo, dude, but no match for the Root-Repelling Protective Amethyst I personally charged with Super Sonya Power and overnighted to you in the mail. Carry it in your pocket and you're good to go — no matter how many roots the old bat works on you.

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Dear Serena: I laid my dear sweet father to rest last year after he finally succumbed to a long and difficult battle with brain cancer. His funeral was beautiful and hundreds of friends showed up to pay their respects. And the funeral home did a wonderful job. All of this made for a good last memory — except for one thing. Now that he's buried, grass won't grow on his grave, and his is the only one in the cemetery that's bare. A friend of mine says Daddy must not have gone to Heaven and that's why the grass won't grow. Is that possible? Did my Daddy go to Hell by some accident? — Confused in Miami

Dear Confused: Your father isn't burning in Hell — grass won't grow on his grave because the sod laid down by the cemetery's ground crew is infested with nematodes. Any of several good fertilizer-pesticide mixes would resolve the problem in a jiffy. But I've already banished the bugs with a special protective energy. And the grass that's growing now is beautiful!

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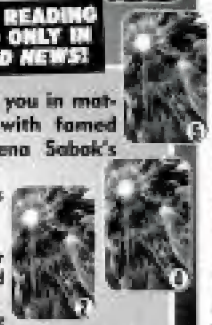

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1 Intimidate, bully
8 Suicidal pilot
15 Conceited
16 South American mountains
18 Stuck in mud
19 Young boys
21 Mockery, sham
22 Frightened
24 Servile, degrading
25 Toward the center
27 Bit of food
28 Nail drivers
31 Traveling bags
32 Nastier
34 Short skirt
35 Chills a drink
37 At the right time
40 Mystery writer Gardner
42 Petty quarrel
44 Christmas visitor
45 Pried into
47 July 4th attractions
49 Fiery crime
50 Spooky, weird
52 Grouped together
55 Made up for
57 Custodian
59 Baby buggies
62 In medias —
63 Turkish inn
64 Geometric patterns
65 Lure, tempt
66 Act of vending again
67 Retired (Abbr)
68 Clumsy individual
69 Boxing great
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72 Forever and ever
77 Soft utterance
80 Inhabitant
82 Reddish-brown horse
86 Egyptian river
87 Peggy and Pinky
89 Mrs. Roosevelt
90 Songbird
91 Hangman's tool
92 Egyptian leader Anwar
94 River perils
98 Anatomical pouch
99 Gore and Capone
100 Camelot king
103 Spouses
104 Condensed wrap-up
105 Emit rays
107 Chair pad
109 Actor MacLeod
110 Italian wine city
111 Witness
112 Popeye's power
114 Received (Abbr)
115 Ohio town
117 Powerful particle
118 " — That A Shame"
119 Badger
121 Area
123 High-pitched bark
124 Partner for to
125 Courageous ones
126 Beast of burden
128 Feel bitterness
129 Corp. bigwig
130 Mink or sable
131 Newsstands
136 Frozen dessert
140 Church passageways
141 — - fi
143 Corporate giant (TM)
145 — Vincent Peale
147 Dreadful
148 Shoe filler
149 Midday
151 Fishing spears
153 Snake like fishes
154 Afraid
156 Mortally
158 Russian leader
160 Peaks
161 Obviously
164 Stupid
165 Church contribution
166 Made a boo-boo
167 Beef cows
168 "Stars — Stripes"
170 Scrooge's utterance
172 Serious plays
174 Goes with desist
176 British gun
177 Golf pegs
178 Established law
179 Addition word
181 Actor Joel
182 Small pony
184 Sign of sickness
187 Permission to proceed (Hyph)
190 Go to court
192 Stomach muscles, for short
194 Hearing organ
196 Uncooked
197 Commandments count
198 Seize suddenly
201 Angled, slanted
203 Train stations
206 Main course
209 Indulges, accommodates
211 Reagan's "Star Wars" plan
213 Disordered, jumbled
215 Slanted script
216 Ballot casters
217 Like unpolished silver
219 Moves carefully
220 Social equals
223 Mathematics term
225 Harness racing horse
228 Drug agents (SI)
229 Follows Aug.
230 Window glass
231 Less harsh
232 Dickens character
233 Nile queen for short
234 Mexican shawl
237 Death investigator
241 Physicians
245 Sewer's string
248 Rarin' to go
249 First game of the season
250 Actress Brigitte
251 Stash away
252 Used to be
253 Passed out the cards
254 TV, radio, etc.
255 " — upon a time..."
256 All at once
257 Alienate

DOWN

1 Taverns
2 Paddy plant
3 Short joke (Hyph)
4 Criticizes harshly
5 Enclose, envelope
6 Eve's mate
7 School unit
8 Playing card
9 Operatic solo
10 Scant, sparse
11 Lazy one
12 Supplies with sustenance
13 Western author Grey
14 Author Ferber
15 Slight difference
17 Behold
18 Actress Ryan
20 Lacking in meaning
21 Baptismal basins
23 Sewage cylinders
24 "The Three — "
26 Force back
27 Subtraction word
29 Shopping frenzy
30 Hair ribbon
31 Actress Sophia
33 Less common
34 Masculine one
36 Encrypted
38 Cincinnati ball team
39 Prod, goad
41 Last place finisher
43 Become weary
44 Window meshes
46 District attys.
47 Equine offspring
48 Slop over
49 "Roses — red..."
51 Large properties
53 Internet posting (Hyph)
54 Roof timber
56 Bangkok native
58 Science course (Abbr)
60 Newsman Dan
75 Nuclear device
76 Graduation publication
78 Enthusiastic flair
79 VCR button
80 Hereditary factor
81 Ms. Ridinghood's nemesis
82 Chews noisily
83 Takes trips
84 Pay attention to
85 Overturn
88 Health resorts
90 Horse command
93 Followed secretly
95 Thought
96 Filthy, grimy
97 Tact: — - faire
100 Have great ambition
101 Horned mammal
102 Dye
103 First little piggy's destination
106 Interim employee
108 Military branch inits.
111 Norse god
113 In this place
116 Boastfulness
120 Sentence to death
122 Head props
125 Large wading bird
127 Affirmative reply
128 Russia (Abbr)
131 Pecked on the cheek
132 Norwegian king
133 Chose
134 Scrubs, polishes
135 Conductor's call: "All — !"
137 Attendance check (2 wds)
138 Donkey's cry
139 Method, plan
140 Illness
141 Up to now (2 wds)
142 "— be a cold day..."
143 Knowledge, data
144 Engine
146 Reserve fund (2 wds)
147 Proclamation
148 At no cost
150 Name for grandma
152 African desert
153 Third planet
155 Malt beverages
157 Walk lamely
159 Bowler's button
162 "Do — others... "
163 Treaty grp.
166 Perfume, scent
167 Stimulus receiver
168 Star gazer
169 Beaver's creation
170 Insect
171 Extremely attractive ones
173 Courting man
175 Ocular protectors
177 Eating platform
180 Radioman Howard
183 Final annoying act (2 wds)
185 Track event
186 Issued by a pope
188 Bevy of beauties
189 Water pitcher
191 Hypocritical
193 Golden Fleece sorceress
196 More adorable
199 Word of regret
200 Public transportation vehicles
202 Sprinkled with cayenne
203 Not prefix
204 Golfer Woods
205 Glance at quickly
206 Wicked
207 Widely known
208 Sixth sense?
210 Long race
211 Tear into pieces
212 Art —
214 Indian tent
218 Dieter's dish
221 Encrypt
222 Start again
224 Postal inits.
226 Skillful, nimble
227 Fellow actor
235 Grows older
236 Lima locale
238 Genuine
239 Solely
240 Fishing snare
242 Engine part
243 Oak or redwood
244 Ends partner
246 — Kong
247 Speed contest

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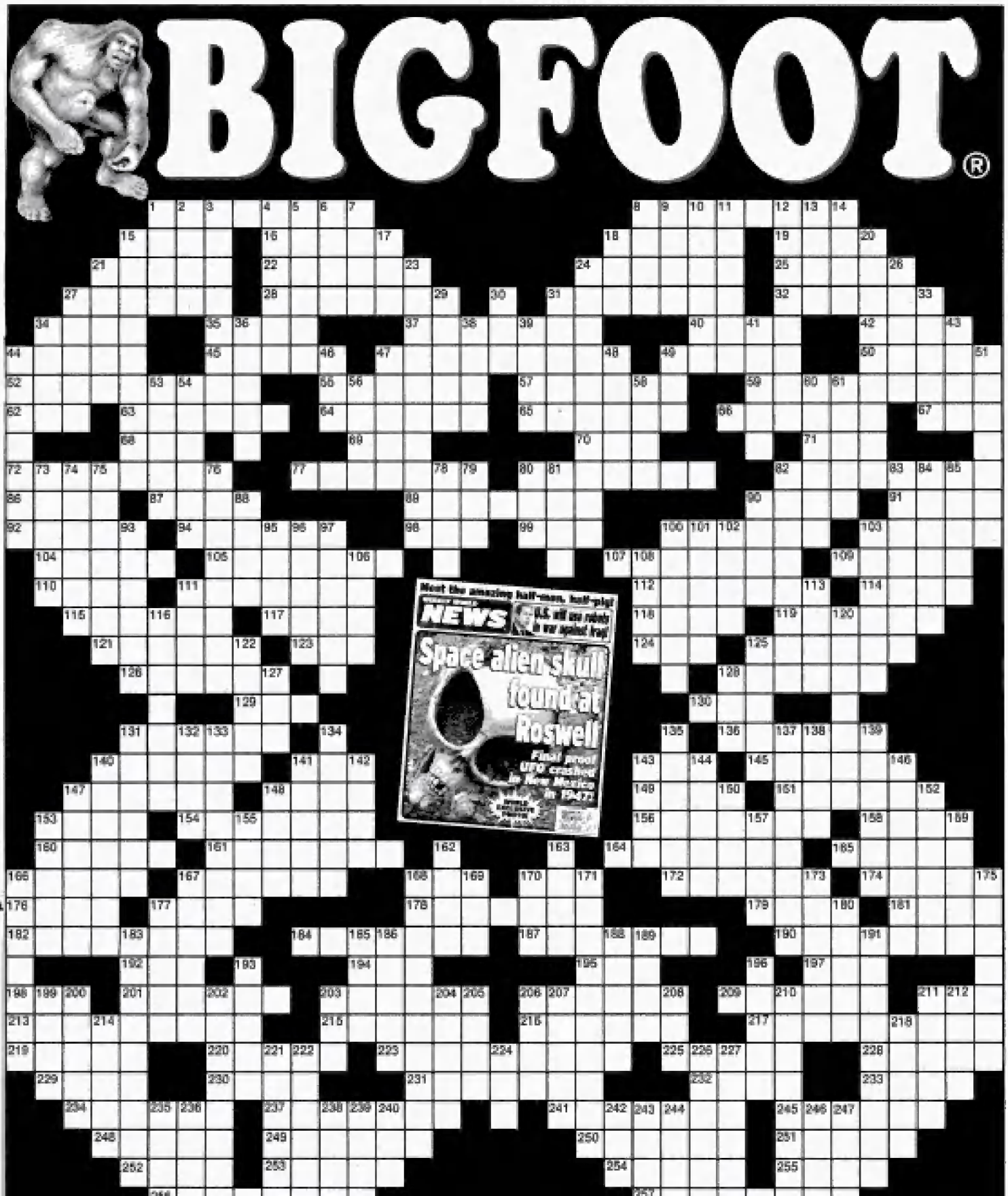
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JUST FOR YECCHS: Some people go to great lengths for a laugh, and some people go too far — like this scary-looking guy in ladies' lingerie, who stuck vacuum-suction jars all over his body. He put on the outrageous outfit to perform at a comedy festival in Montreal. One good thing about using those vacuum-suction bottles: If a heckler yells, "You suck," it's actually a compliment.

Wacko Jacko's Lewd Look-alike

A SICK and twisted Michael Jackson impersonator is making light of the wacky songster's legal woes by walking around town with his hand in a life-size baby-doll's diaper!

Cops in Trenton, New Jersey, say the man, whose name they withheld, "is crude and lewd, but he isn't breaking any laws and is free to do as he pleases."

WHEN TO 'FALL' IN LOVE

. . . if you want a lasting romance – autumn is the time to do it, says expert

By KEELY DUNN
Correspondent

GUYS and gals, the best time to meet the love of your life is in the fall, says a top researcher.

"The happiest relationships are those that begin in the fall — they last longer than any others," says relationship guru Dr. John Wilson, who recently surveyed 75 couples married five years or more and found a whopping 62 percent had met in the fall.

"We're as surprised as anyone to report this finding," he says. "We assumed spring and summer loves would be the lasting ones, but the numbers proved us wrong: Couples who meet in the spring are 25 percent less likely than fall couples, and summer lovers 50 percent less likely, to have a lasting relationship.

"What's not surprising is the winter couples, who are 75 percent less likely to have a successful partnership than fall couples. With odds like that, you're better off not even bothering to date from Christmas to Easter."

Dr. Wilson says it could be that people are more open to new relationships in the fall, a time that many feel is the true start of the new year.

"We start school in the fall, many companies begin their fiscal year in the fall, and new cars are introduced for the upcoming model year in the fall," he says. "We are psychologically attuned to seeing the fall as a time for a fresh start — and a lasting, meaningful one.

"It's always been a time of rebirth, growth and rapid change. Autumn is harvest time, when all things come to maturity. You might almost say that our hearts have ripened and are ready to be plucked.

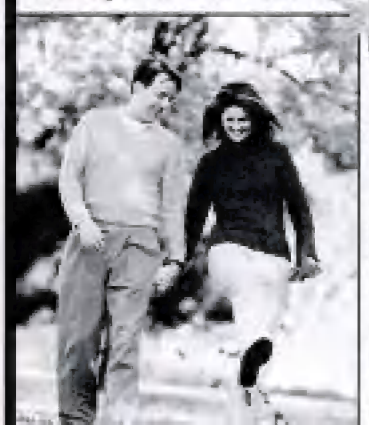
"Spring and summer lovers, in contrast, tend to have temporary flings. They go into relationships less seriously, and even expect to have only a meaningless, short-lived affair. And winter lovers are extremely self-absorbed. They're often depressed and withdrawn because the days are so much shorter."

Of the couples Dr. Wilson surveyed, perhaps none illustrates the results better than Dawn and Rick. The Houston couple had actually dated briefly in college but broke up — only to meet again at a college Homecoming event in November 1995. They were married a year later.

"The first time, we started going out during Spring Break our senior year and we were together until a little while after graduation," says Dawn, a 34-year-old homemaker and mother of twin boys. "We had a lot of fun together, and I can't even remember us having any fights. But then we graduated, and after a while we just sort of went our separate ways. When we saw each other again, it was like we just picked up right where we'd left off — only with a lot more feeling."

Says Rick, a 35-year-old sales manager: "I have to say, when Dr. Wilson started interviewing us I sort of laughed at this whole idea. I figured it was just that we were more mature by the second time around — and I know I was looking to settle down anyway, so that probably had a lot to do with it.

"But then I started thinking about it, and I realized that of all my ex-girlfriends, only one of them was someone I had met in the fall. Everybody else, I met them in the spring or the summer — and none



FORGET about spring or summer

AUTUMN TRIVIA

- John Keats wrote his poem *Autumn* on Sept. 19, 1819.
- The average photographer for *Sports Illustrated*'s sizzling-hot swimsuit issue will take as many as 25,000 pictures during the magazine's typical six-week shooting schedule. The shoots almost always take place in the autumn.
- Hindus acknowledge six seasons: Spring, summer, "the rains," autumn, winter and "the dews."
- In the southern part of Japan, it doesn't snow much except in the mountains. But northern Japan gets plenty of snow in the winter. Travel experts advise visiting Japan in autumn, when the

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'Gay Lisp' can be cured!

GOOD NEWS for former homosexuals! Researchers have found a drug that cures the infamous gay lisp!

The announcement was made by controversial Christian sex therapist Dr. Don Hupley of Indiana, whose supposed success in "curing" homosexuals has earned him the admiration of family-values groups and raised the ire of gay activists.

Dr. Hupley says that the research firm he founded in 1998 has finally succeeded in curing the residual lisp that still afflicts many of the hundreds of men whose sexual orientation he has altered.

"These former homosexuals, many of whom are married, have been embarrassed by their lisps and now they won't have to be," he said at a press conference in Gary.

The drug, which requires monthly injections, should be commercially available within a year, the expert says.

CRIPPLE LIVES IN A BOOM BOX

DISABLED Johnny "Dr. J" Jenkins has recently installed a $19,000 car stereo complete with 72 speakers and a 2,000-watt amplifier — in his personal motorized wheelchair, which he uses to get around with quite comfortably!

"I . . . am . . . sooo . . . cool . . ." the 27-year-old quadriplegic, who speaks through a voice box, told reporters in Brisbane, Australia.

The system includes 16 rib-rattling subwoofers, 20 very loud mid-range, but incredibly powerfull horns and 36 special high-frequency tweeters mounted in special Fiberglass "fenders", which are attached to the 32-year-old car-crash victim's wheelchair.

His favorite music?

"Tupac . . . and . . . Cher . . ." he says.

WHAT WOULD YOU DO WITH $10,000?

WHAT WOULD you do with a surprise cash windfall of $10,000?

According to a survey featured in *CASH* magazine, 72 percent of adult men and women would blow every penny in a wild spending spree, 28 percent would stash it away for a rainy day — and 10 percent, incredibly, "don't know!"

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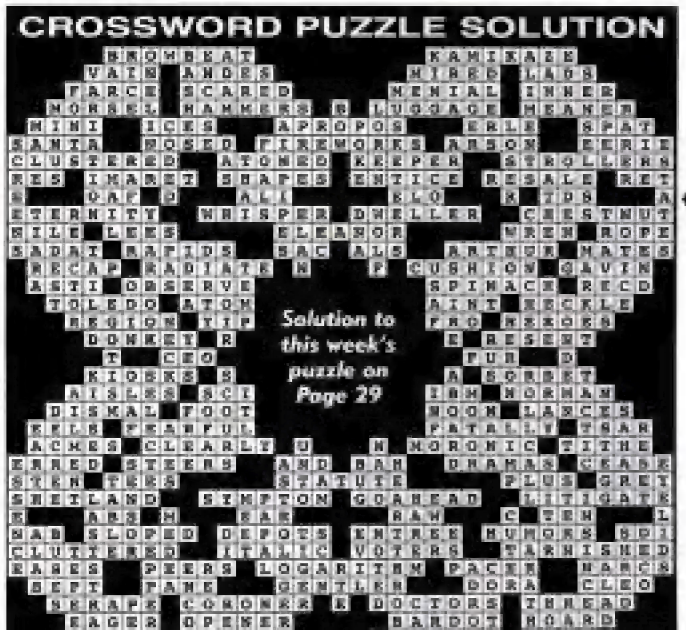
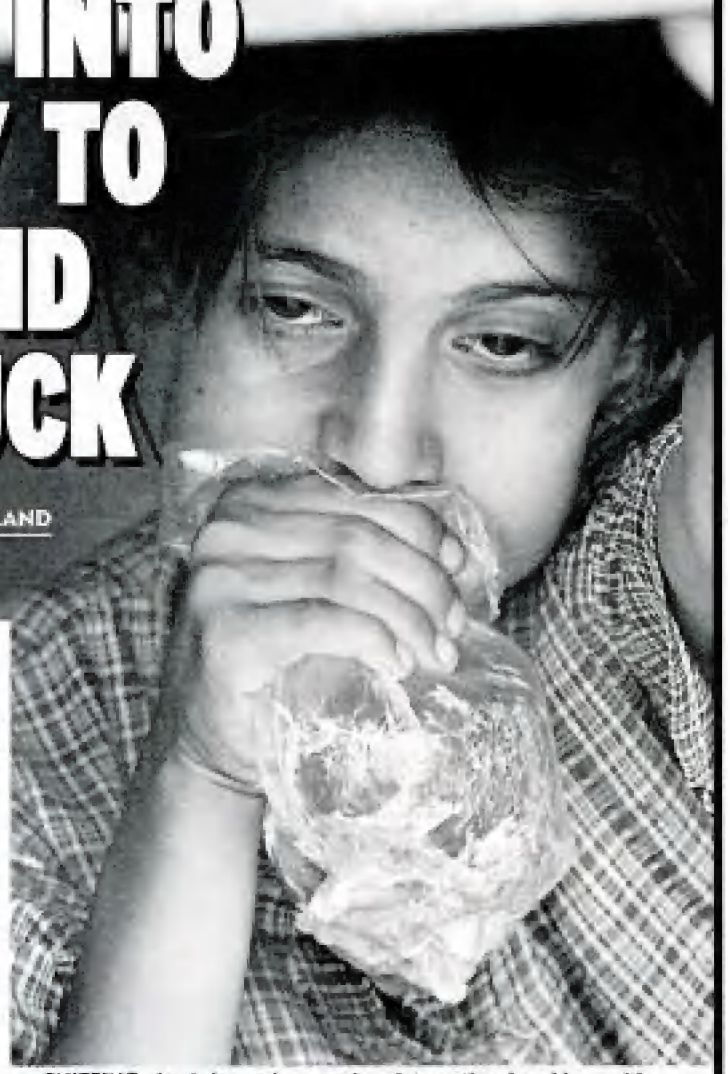


Solution to this week's puzzle on Page 29

IDIOT BREAKS INTO GLUE FACTORY TO GET HIGH – AND WINDS UP STUCK TO FLOOR!

By SALLY DeLAND
Correspondent



SNIFFING glue is becoming a serious international problem, with children as young as 5 years old stealing to get stoned!

DESPERATE Bill Henderson broke into a glue factory in search of the ultimate high, and 12 hours later stunned workers found him — stuck to the floor!

"I've seen dumb people in my life, but this guy takes the cake," says Florence Mabely, a glue-viscosity tester at the Durable Fit Glue Company in Sydney, Australia.

"He was covered in contact cement from head to toe. We had to pry him off the concrete with shovels and a crowbar like he was a slab of linoleum tile and all the time he was squealing like a stuck pig.

"He was screaming and hollering, 'Don't hurt me! Oh, God, just don't hurt me!'

"I kept telling him to shut up or I'd super-glue his mouth shut and scrape him off the floor with a fork lift."

Henderson, 19, told cops he occasionally sniffs glue to relax and hallucinate and decided that the glue factory was a good spot to pursue "a massive high."

He said he sneaked into the 53,000-square-foot plant through an open window and made a beeline for the blending room, where industrial-strength glues are mixed in giant stainless steel vats.

The room is vented by an array of 12 oversized exhaust fans to protect workers from volatile fumes that in low doses can make a human hallucinate and feel giddy, but in higher doses can cause brain and organ damage and even kill you.

Henderson told police he turned off the fans and took several deep breaths — "huffing," in the parlance of addicts, who usually breathe glue from a paper bag with its opening held tight around their nose and mouth.

"I seen visions of Jesus and the devil and a space alien with a big head," Henderson told police. "I also seen the King of rock 'n' roll — what's his name? Elvis? And somebody else I can't remember . . . it might have been Michael Jackson or that other singer, Kurt Cobain."

It's not entirely clear what happened next, but this much is known by police: Henderson knocked over a 500-gallon vat of gooey contact cement . . . and slipped and then rolled in it."

Covered in glue, he stumbled out of the blending room into the warehouse, where he blacked out and slumped to the floor.

"Seeing Elvis Presley is the last thing he remembers," continues the cop. "The next thing he knew it was morning and people started coming in to work. But he couldn't move a muscle.

"He was flat on his stomach with his head turned to one side. He was stuck to the floor and he wasn't going anywhere. But his mouth was open and he could scream."

Workers found him and called police, who arrested him for breaking and entering, vandalism and criminal mischief.

Henderson was taken to a hospital where doctors treated him for the numerous chemicals that he inhaled and that entered his bloodstream through his skin.

At least one physician says the spaced-out addict shows signs of diminished brain and liver function, although he may have suffered that damage from his previous experiences with glue, which he admitted "go back quite a few years."

Charged with breaking and entering, vandalism and criminal mischief, Henderson faces what cops call a very stiff fine and a possible jail sentence of one to three years.

Incredibly, Henderson says the fiasco "wasn't all that bad" and it won't stop him from "getting into the glue pot again."

"I don't think it's any worse than alcoholic beverages or marijuana," he explains.

SENIORS: It pays to play bingo!

Senior citizens won a staggering $27.3 billion playing bingo on Indian reservations and in churches and commercial gaming

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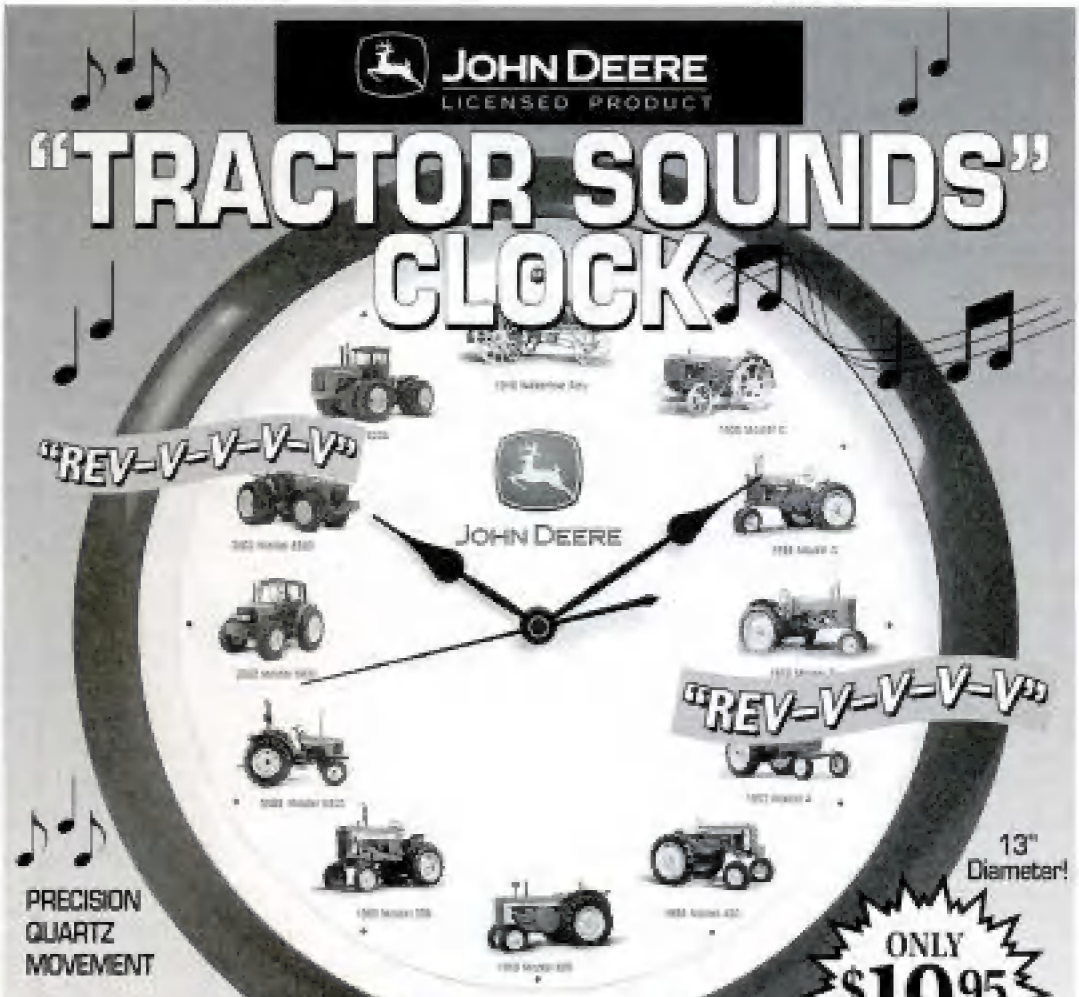

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STUDENT FAILS DRIVING TEST – 17 TIMES!

HOT-RODDIN' road hog Nikki Waters, 19, just failed her driving test — for the 17th time!

The wild child from Cape Town, South Africa, has been trying — and failing — to get her driver's license since she turned 16.

"They say I drive too fast and pass everybody on the road and don't watch where I'm going," she fumed to a reporter.

"I mean, like, hello! That's why other people have brakes."

The world record for failing driving tests went to Miriam Hargrave from Wakefield, England — who flunked 39 tests before she finally passed on Aug. 3, 1970!

Man's business going to the dogs

CLEVER Fred Renk is making money delivering 50-pound bags of dog food to more paying customers than you can shake a stick at.

The ex-stockbroker says he was looking for a way to leave the rat race and start his own business when it occurred to him that pet owners didn't like picking up big bags of dog food and lugging them around the grocery store while they shopped for their own grub.

"I sold friends on the idea of letting me fetch their dog food and they did the rest by telling their friends," says Renk, 43, of Los Angeles.

"Now I've got a good little business going. Heck, I'm bringing home $63,000 a year and there's absolutely no pressure.

"I'm as refreshed when I leave work as when I go in!"

LAND OF THE FREE HOME OF THE GAY

MOST Americans will "go bisexual" by the year 2020, says a startling new federal study.

"The desire for more sex will lead a clear majority of men and women to increase their prospects of getting it by doubling the number of partners they have," a report issued by the Department

DEAD OR ALIVE?

This week:
CANNONBALL RUN!

These stars once moved in a fast crowd of celebrities we adored, but some have switched to the slow lane and others have just plain run out of gas. Who's living and who's not? (Answers below.)

A star-studded cast led by Burt Reynolds breaks speed limits and funny bones in *Cannonball Run*, a wacky 1981 comedy about an illegal cross-country car race in which the drivers will do anything to outrun each other — not to mention the police. Clockwise from bottom left corner: Tara Buckman (JILL RIVERS, Lamborghini babe), George Furth (ARTHUR J. FOYT), Jack Elam (DR. NIKOLAS VAN HELSING), Joe Klecko (POLISH RACING DRIVER), Jamie Farr (THE SHEIK), Mel Tillis (MEL), Bert Convy (BRADFORD COMPTON), Adrienne Barbeau (MARCIE THATCHER), Michael Hui (SUBARU ENGINEER), Rick Aviles (MAD DOG), Warren Berlinger (SHAKEY FINCH), Sammy Davis Jr. (MORRIS FENDERBAUM), Jackie Chan (JACKIE CHAN, Subaru driver), Roger Moore (SEYMOUR GOLDFARB JR.), Burt Reynolds (J.J. McCLURE), Farrah Fawcett (PAMELA GLOVER), Dom DeLuise (VICTOR PRINZIM/CAPTAIN CHAOS) and Dean Martin (JAMIE BLAKE).

Tara Buckman is 44. George Furth is 71. Jack Elam died in October 2003, at age 84. Joe Klecko is 50. Jamie Farr is 69. Mel Tillis is 71. Bert Convy died of a brain tumor in July 1991, at age 57. Adrienne Barbeau is 58. Michael Hui is 61. Rick Aviles died of AIDS in March 1995, at age 42. Warren Berlinger is 66. Sammy Davis Jr. died of cancer in May 1990, at age 64. Jackie Chan is 49. Roger Moore is 76. Burt Reynolds is 67. Farrah Fawcett is 56. Dom Deluise is 70. Dean Martin died of emphysema on Christmas Day 1995, at age 77.

MYSTERY EYES

Below are close-ups of some sports stars whose eyes give them a distinctive look. Can you identify them? The answers are below. HINT: You can HUDDLE with a friend to TACKLE this one, if you want.

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He made passes off the field, too.

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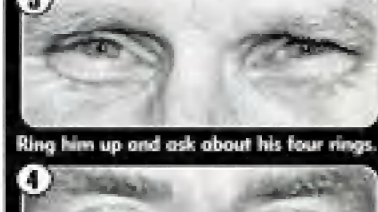

Few caught him when he started running.

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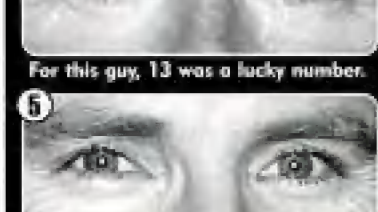

Ring him up and ask about his four rings.

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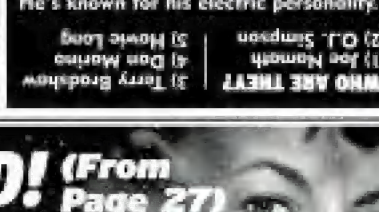

For this guy, 13 was a lucky number.

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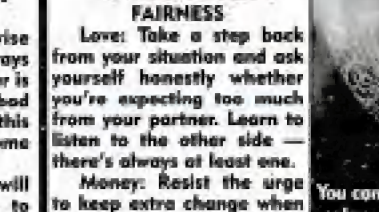

He's known for his electric personality.

WHO ARE THEY?
1) Joe Namath
2) O.J. Simpson
3) Terry Bradshaw
4) Dan Marino
5) Howie Long

YOUR TAROT FORTUNE REVEALED! (From Page 27)

Card No. 3: Knight of Swords
INTO THE UNKNOWN

Love: Singles, don't be too quick to turn down a blind date with a friend of a friend. This one could be the one you've been waiting for. Couples, this is a good time to take the next step.

Money: A major financial expert has a tempting offer that could mean big bucks. Be sure you can afford the risk before you take any leaps of faith.

Health: If you've been considering cosmetic surgery, this is a good time to pursue the idea. But don't

Card No. 5: Ace of Cups
ABUNDANCE

Love: If you've been coping with a long romantic drought, keep the faith: A period of happiness and fulfillment will soon follow. You may have to turn down a few people, in fact!

Money: A patiently tended savings plan will pay off handsomely, but don't make the mistake of blowing it all on frivolous things. Keep the next rainy day in mind.

Health: Energy and enthusiasm will bring you through the holidays with a spirit as bubbly as New

Card No. 1: The Tower
DOWNFALL

Love: Taking your sweetheart for granted is never good, but if you don't start showing some appreciation you won't have anyone to appreciate. Make an extra effort tonight.

Money: Market forces could start draining your savings or investments. Cut your losses but be careful not to get into a bigger mess by over-correcting.

Health: You'll need steely resolve against diet temptation for the next two weeks, and you'll fail at

Card No. 2: 2 of Coins
NEW TROUBLES

Love: Like the wise woman said, "It's always something." Your partner is about to spring some bad news on you. Tackle this together and you'll come through just fine.

Money: The mail will soon bring a solution to your financial woes, but be sure to read the fine print. Chances are good that it'll get you in even deeper.

Health: If your practitioner prescribes a new medication for a medical condition, pay close atten-

Card No. 4: Justice
FAIRNESS

Love: Take a step back from your situation and ask yourself honestly whether you're expecting too much from your partner. Learn to listen to the other side — there's always at least one.

Money: Resist the urge to keep extra change when a cashier goofs in your favor. You know you'd speak up if you were short-changed, wouldn't you?

Health: Don't overtax your body with excess celebration, especially when you'd really rather stay home.

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RAZOR BURNED

Gals are wrecking their guys' blades – wacky lawsuit claims!

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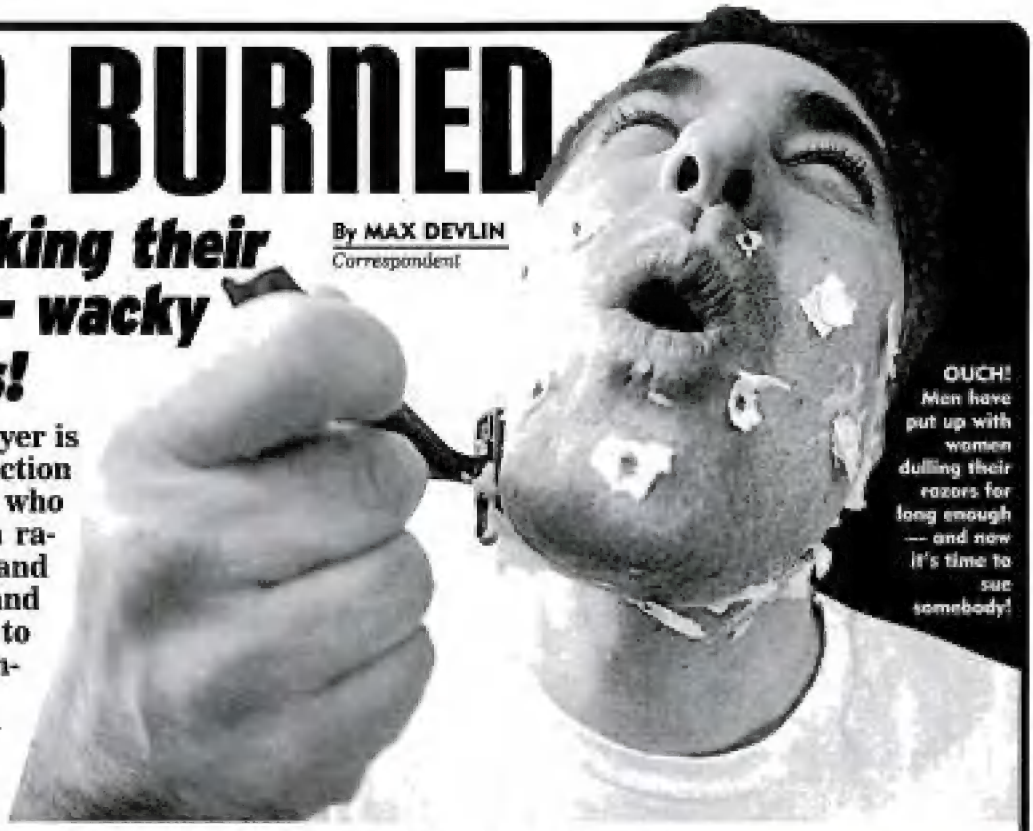


OUCH! Men have put up with women dulling their razors for long enough — and now it's time to sue somebody!

A SEASONED trial lawyer is organizing a class-action suit on behalf of men who have burned their faces on razor blades dulled by wives and girlfriends who sneaked and used them on their legs or to bring unruly bikini lines under control.

And while attorney William "T-Bone" Stalmer admits that "some ignorant individuals might see the case as being frivolous or ill conceived," legal papers he is set to file in Los Angeles are sure to make the age-old question of "Whose razor is it, anyway?" a seriously hot topic for months or even years to come.

"Every man in this great nation has endured the pain, suffering and trauma of hacking at his beard with a razor his wife or girlfriend has blunted on her legs," says Stalmer.

"The firm of Stone, McLeod, McDermott, Sanchez and Goldstein holds women solely responsible for this outrage and we plan to sue to the fullest extent allowed by law.

"We realize that men won't sue their own women, therefore we will go right to the source of the problem — the companies that manufacture razors and blades.

"My law firm claims — nay, accuses — manufacturers of not putting the following warning label on their male products: 'Not Intended for Use by Women Without the Express Written Consent of a Man.'

"Female leg-shaving affects millions of men in this nation every day. On their behalf, Stone, McLeod, McDermott, Sanchez and Goldstein will sue for billions.

"This case will make the tobacco settlements look like chump change.

"We're not talking lung cancer here but something that many believe to be just as serious — razor burn."

Razor manufacturers decline to discuss the case until their legal teams have had time to read and analyze the lawsuit and prepare what one insider calls "a response that we can read without laughing."

But several men's rights organizations — including the notoriously militant Men Against Women antifeminist group — have already jumped on the lawyer's bandwagon.

And they say this is a case men can win.

"This is the perfect platform from which to get the message out — women have to be brought under control," says a spokesman. "Razor burn from a dull blade is ag-

"There are many other things that women do that are detrimental to men.

"A lot of them leave the toilet seat down. And some of them won't even fetch beers or hand over the remote control — even when they're told to."

Women have their own take on the lawsuit — and it isn't always pretty.

A survey of several popular Los Angeles-area radio talk shows suggest that while some older gals are willing to "fess up" and beg forgiveness for using their guy's razor, younger ladies say there's nothing to apologize for — and vow to keep on using razors that don't belong to them . . . no matter what.

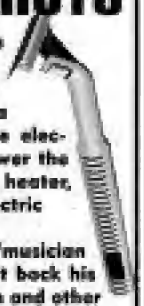
"I've got a lot more hair on my legs, under my arms and popping out the sides of my bikini and panties than my man's got on his chin and neck," says one angry lady executive.

"If he was bringing home the bacon while I watched soap operas and ate bonbons all day, like women did in the 1950s, sure, I'd say the razor belonged to him exclusively.

"But I make more money than my husband does. When I'm in a rush, I'm not getting out of the shower to poke around for my razor when his is closer.

"If he doesn't want me to use it,

RAZOR FACTS



- **A person uses more household energy shaving with a manual razor at a sink, because of the electricity needed to power the water pump and heater, than by using an electric razor.**
- **In 1994, singer/musician Paul McCartney sent back his razor, shaving cream and other products to the Gillette Co. to protest the manufacturer's use of animals in product testing. In his letter to Gillette's chief executive, the former Beatle demanded a refund, which he said he would donate to People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals.**
- **When astronauts first shaved in space, their weightless whiskers floated up to the ceiling. A special razor had to be developed which drew the whiskers in like a vacuum cleaner.**
- **The United States produces 19 percent of the world's trash. The annual contribution includes 20 billion disposable diapers, 2 billion razors and 1.7 billion pens.**
- **Anne Baxter, who co-starred in *The Razor's Edge*, was the granddaughter of world-**

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NJ. 202-382 Warm, caring, attractive Russian woman, 51 years old, 5'4", 140 lbs., blonde, happy, good housekeeper. Looking for a good man for love and marriage.

TX. 202-383 Loving, middle-aged BF. I want a White man with a high sex drive for marriage. Send recent photo/ phone number. Write me fully. Las Vegas a plus.

CA. 202-384 Filipina, late 50s, 5'2", 135 lbs., professional. God-fearing, compassionate. Love cooking, gardening, traveling. Seeking an honest, loving, marriage-minded man. Age race unimportant.

WA. 202-385 SBF, 45, 5'8", 140 lbs., enjoys movies, jazz, walking, traveling, or staying home with someone special. ISO honest, loyal, caring, good kisser and affectionate gentleman. Any race. No inmates/smokers.

GA. 202-386 Asian lady, 5'4", 50 years old, very nice-looking professional skin care, nail services. Seeking man 55-65, financially secure. No games. Write, photo/phone.

GA. 202-387 DWF, age 45, 5'5½", 140 lbs., smoker, blonde hair, blue eyes. Loves country life and animals. I believe in God. Seeking WM with a sense of humor, generous. Likes to travel. Please write, I'm here baby.

MV. 202-388 Needing my very special Christian senior to share golden years together. WWF, blonde, blue eyes, honest, caring, fun-loving, no bad habits, likes gospel and country western music.

MI. 202-389 WWF, 74, 4'11", 165 lbs., blue eyes, blonde hair, honest, non-smoker/ drinker. Seeking honest, White male, non-smoker/drinker. Photo please.

GA. 202-390 WWF, 62, 5'4", 165 lbs., plain and simple lady, loves country living, enjoys home life. Seeking senior SWM over 60, financially secure, non-smoker, drug/alcohol-free for friendship, no inmates.

CA. 202-391 American-born Asian, 58, 5'1", average-looking, non-smoker. Seeking small build, older mature man. I'm caring, seeking lasting companionship/marriage. Interest in sex is infrequent.

PA. 202-392 If you are male, handsome, virile, with natural teeth and hair, 45-62, respond to attractive, middle-aged Anglo professional woman. Love, not marriage desired. Photo.

MI. 202-393 White widow age 70, 5'6", 170 lbs., non-smoker, social drinker, home owner. Seeks fun gentleman, 60-70. Likes traveling, camping and casinos. Photo please.

OK. 202-394 WWF, country type, good appearance, 73 years old in good health, likes to work with livestock, enjoys DW, reading, traveling some, for friendship or more.

MEN

TX. 401-028 Correctional institute inmate. Lonely in prison. Educated, professional, bodybuilder, challenging personality, respectful, romantic, 34, 5'6", black hair, green eyes. Freedom soon. ISO a true heart with soul mate.

NY. 401-157 Nice-looking male, 39, 5'8", 161 lbs., brown hair, green eyes, honest, caring, affectionate, a bit shy, never married, financially secure. Has a lot of love to offer the right girl. Lives in Massena. Enjoys riding Harleys, the beach, traveling, togetherness, the outdoors, weekend trips, quiet evenings at home as well as evenings out. Would love to meet a nice girl for meaningful relationship, possible marriage. Photo please.

PA. 401-158 SWM, 48, 5'5", White male, 180 lbs. I'm looking for the angel of my dreams. I will wait on her hands and feet, and rub her [illegible]

MN. 401-165 SWM, 6'4", 210 lbs., 60, farmer, mechanic, non-smoker, occasional beer, have no children. Likes hunting, fishing, museums, old houses, nature, gardening, campfires. I am very open-minded. Enjoys the unusual. Believes marriage should be forever. ISO lady who is willing to live in the country, can discuss anything. From another country or the former USSR a plus. Let's help fulfill each others fantasies. Age unimportant. Will answer all with phone number.

TX. 401-167 Correctional institute inmate. Lonely Cajun. SWM, 34, 5'9", from New Orleans, Louisiana. Hobbies: fishing, camping, dancing, giving hot oil massages and long romantic walks on the beach. ISO SH/BF, 18-20, fun-loving, good-hearted girl with same likes and a lot to give in LTR. Please send picture with 1st letter. No inmates.

TN. 401-174 Black gentleman, 79, able-bodied, 6', 240 lbs., on S.S., can relocate. Seeking BF, 70-75, of moderation, companion, possible marriage. Photo please.

IL. 401-177 Correctional institute inmate. Handsome male, lost his freedom, girlfriend. Seeking sincere, generous, caring, loving, loyal female for friendship and serious relationship to mend my broken heart. Age/race unimportant.

FL. 401-178 DWM, 73 (looks younger), clean shaven, 1950s, gray hair cut, brown eyes, very affectionate, easygoing, alcohol/drug-free, formerly from Lake City and Tifton, Georgia. ISO someone to cuddle, hug and kiss everyday, slim WF. Photos exchanged.

FL. 401-179 DWM, healthy, active, home-owner in Clearwater area, 5'5", 135 lbs., in late 70s, nature lover. ISO caring lady to share simple semi-rural quiet life, conquer loneliness.

MN. 401-180 SWM, 5'11", 170lbs. I have everything but someone special. If it's you, and you want a good, happy life, answer this. You will not be sorry. Photo/phone a must.

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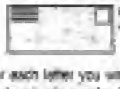

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GURIAN'S WORLD OF THE BIZARRE!

By JEFFREY L. GURIAN
New York Correspondent

Woman knits furniture

Hattie May Swaynne may be the only woman in the world with an entire household of hand-knitted furniture. The 74-year-old Arkansas native says she originally started knitting furniture as a teenager because "knitting sweaters and scarves all the time just got so blamed boring." Swaynne began her unique hobby by creating a simple ottoman as a gift for her mother "so she'd have a place to rest her poor feet after a long day working the family farm." From there, Swaynne gradually began knitting larger and larger pieces. Starting with chairs and tables, she eventually worked her way up to armoires, chests of drawers and queen- and king-sized beds. Swaynne claims that most of her woolly creations can support up to 250 pounds — even though they are reinforced with nothing more than popsicle sticks held together with rubber bands.

Hysterical baldness sweeping the country

You've heard of hysterical blindness and hysterical deafness, but are you ready for... hysterical baldness? Men across the country have been going to bed with a full head of hair, only to wake up as smooth as a cue ball. Doctors are at a loss to fully explain the phenomenon, but some note that most of the victims hold stressful, high-level corporate positions. "I had a very thick head of unruly hair," says Arlo Vank, CEO of Brookfield Securities in Cape Town, South Africa. "Then one night I went to bed after a particularly nerve-racking day of trading. The next morning, I woke up and reached out to pet my cat, who I thought was lying next to me on my pillow. But it turned out to be my hair. I was so bald, you could have stuck your fingers in my nose and mouth and used my head as a bowling ball." Doctors are advising victims of hysterical

DENTISTS REFUSING TO FIX VAMPIRES' TEETH

YIKES! Vampire fangs make it very difficult to get into the rest of the mouth to work on other teeth, dentists say.

Insurance companies are denying claims for expensive dental work on bloodsuckers, say docs

By JOHN ADDISON
Correspondent

VAMPIRES have a lot of wear and tear on their fangs, but they say nowadays it's nearly impossible to get proper care for their teeth.

The reason: More and more spooked dentists are closing their doors to the undead.

"It's discrimination, pure and simple," says Antonio, a Chicago vampire who says he's been denied treatment of bleeding gums and an intense toothache for months. "They all claim they're not taking any new patients, but it's just irrational fear and ignorance.

"I guess they think we're going to leap out of the chair in the middle of a root canal and turn their 19-year-old hygienist into one of our unholy mistresses of the night.

"First of all, we hunt by the light of the blood moon when the children of the darkness cry and the panicked owl questions the gibbering night, and secondly, in a dentist's chair — numbed by Novocain — we're in no shape to bite anybody.

"Doctors take an oath to care for the sick and the afflicted. And if anyone is fear of a demon sucking anyone's blood — it's fear of insurance companies sucking the life out of their practice.

"Companies are denying claims for vampire procedures, and a lot of us can't even get malpractice insurance if we treat vampires," says one Chicago dentist who stopped treating vampires about six months ago.

"There are definite physical hazards, chiefly the increased risk of bloodborne illness from an accidental puncture. When I was treating vampires I had to do all the routine cleanings and X-rays myself because my hygienists were so afraid of accidentally getting cut, to say nothing of getting bitten.

"The big problem, though, is the expense. It takes a lot more time, effort and material to properly care for a vampire's teeth — especially when you have to darken the room for them. The chore for these people, there's a lot of work that needs to be done back there.

"Then you have to use gold fillings, which are very expensive — they won't even discuss using cheaper silver ones, because they claim to be allergic to that metal.

"Insurance companies just aren't willing to cover the cost of that kind of work. We used to get three-quarters of our claims kicked back because the charge was over what the insurer considered 'reasonable and customary.' On average we got maybe 30 percent of the cost paid — and if you want a nightmare, try going to collection on an unpaid bill from a vampire. You could end up dead, or worse yet, undead."

Antonio says he understands those concerns, but believes they could easily be put to rest.

"I'm willing to pay cash — dollars, ducats or doubloons — and so are most of the vampires I know," he says. "If the dentist wants to have me sneak in through the back to avoid scaring off his other patients, I'll do that too — no matter how humiliating it might be to me.

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Titled *The Real Truth About the Reagan Presidency*, due out next spring, the book will include the claim that The Gipper didn't bravely quip to his wife, "Honey, I forgot to duck," after being shot in assassination attempt in 1981.

Instead, the author snidely asserts, wounded Reagan moaned, "Mommy, I'm hurt."

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LEO	6, 7, 8, 12, 16, 20
VIRGO	2, 19, 23, 26, 35, 48
LIBRA	1, 3, 10, 17, 18, 26
SCORPIO	4, 22, 29, 33, 36, 42
SAGITTARIUS	6, 9, 18, 20, 27, 28
CAPRICORN	10, 21, 22, 35, 41, 47

ARIES

Mar. 21 – Apr. 19

Remember, owls fly at night!

An uncomfortable personal hygiene situation may make dealings with a friend or family member difficult. Your concern for others should carry you through.

If you're feeling frisky, this is a good time to strengthen your romantic prospects. Use your mind instead of your heart when dealing with your social life this week.

TAURUS

Apr. 20 – May 20

Be ready to grab a profitable financial opportunity that may come your way in the very near future.

Get sound advice from neighbors before doling out cash. You have talent that isn't being used.

This could be the week to launch a creative project or get your car off the blocks. Your sensitivity to people's problems is admirable, but it's ultimately fruitless.

GEMINI

May 21 – June 20

A creative spark could ignite significant changes in your life if you follow your instincts and pay attention to the letter P this week. First impressions may prove to be extremely important and you would be wise to take notice of someone who appears unsavory.

An unusual offer might be presented to you shortly, and you should notify authorities.

CANCER

June 21 – July 22

All signs indicate that an exciting new challenge is likely to come your way in the week ahead. Trust common sense and a chance encounter.

A stubborn streak could lead to trouble — or a solution. Avoid senseless problems by standing up for yourself. You may be confused when long-standing plans are derailed, but make new ones.

Do you have a passport?

LEO

July 23 – Aug. 22

The difficulties you've had to deal with should disappear this week when relatives leave.

You've suffered more than your fair share, but things will get back to normal if you're aware of possible legal glitches.

Keep a stiff upper lip and remember that we're all just dust in the wind. Single out a trusted friend and borrow some funds if need be.

VIRGO

Aug. 23 – Sept. 22

Make every effort this week to get a firm grip on your temper. It is stifling your efforts to meet your quota. Someone — or something — out there is trying to make contact. Concentrate on this entity in order to break on through to the other side.

Don't let over-sensitive feelings interfere with your determination to achieve financial independence.

LIBRA

Sept. 23 – Oct. 22

You're on the right track and love hides in mysterious places. Dance with a stranger this week. While your friends and loved ones appreciate your quiet strength, it's time to let them see your superior nature.

Forget those chores you've been postponing — hire someone else to do them. Puttering about in the yard will only lead to an embarrassing accident.

SCORPIO

Oct. 23 – Nov. 21

Splurge on a lottery ticket or bingo game — but not the stock market. Your lucky number is 17!

Use your effervescent glow to your advantage this week and coast for awhile. You've been hiding it because of so-called "medical problems."

It would do you good to sneak off one afternoon to an art museum, tavern or offtrack betting operation.

SAGITTARIUS

Nov. 22 – Dec. 21

Meet a friend or loved one for a flick with depth. It'll help clear your mind of cobwebs that are blocking your creativity. All you need is a simple twist of fate.

Plunge ahead on that top secret project you've been dawdling with and don't get tangled up in blue.

Don't get cocky, but be forceful with those in authority. A small dog looms large.

CAPRICORN

Dec. 22 – Jan. 19

Your words and your conscience carry extra weight now. A favor from a stranger could really help with a problem that's been bugging you.

Avoid driving late this week.

Something from TV or radio could really get your creative juices flowing and provide a key to financial independence. But don't be moody — or you'll blow it.

AQUARIUS

Jan. 20 – Feb. 18

Someone close to you could be touchy and difficult to deal with now.

Choose your words carefully or you'll be packing your bags. You may be tempted to gamble with something you really treasure. Don't do it unless it involves the color green and the letter R.

This week can be a winner if you follow instructions and look both ways before you cross.

PISCES

Feb. 19 – Mar. 20

Be attentive to new acquaintances over the next few days. One will prove helpful to your sexual self-esteem.

The color yellow can be lucky for you and the number 9 could figure into some financial gain for you in the near future.

Concentrate on gossip this week — this is an excellent time to make monetary gains.

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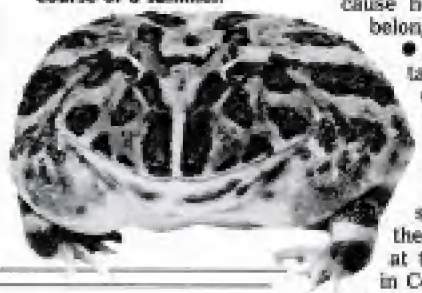
- Benjamin Franklin's inventions include the lightning rod, bifocals, the Franklin stove and an odometer. He didn't seek a patent for any of them because he felt they should belong to everyone.
- Most lipstick contains fish scales. (Makes you want to go and plant a big wet one on someone, doesn't it?)
- The largest swimming pool in the continental U.S. is at the Biltmore Hotel in Coral Gables, Fla. It takes up a half-acre and holds 600,000 gallons.
- Ford Motor Company sold only 110,847 Edsels in two years. The last of the legendary flop cars rolled off the assembly line Nov. 19, 1959.
- There's a lot of plastic cash floating around out there: Two credit cards for every American, according to the latest statistics.
- A full moon is nine times brighter than a half-moon.
- Clouds fly higher during the day than at night.
- We can thank the farmers of the Andes mountains for lots of our favorite foods, including peanuts, pineapples, chocolate and strawberries. Those delicious treats and many others were first grown there.
- Talk about "Don't ask, don't tell:" During World War I, the French army executed soldiers for practicing homosexuality.
- Mozart once composed a piano piece that required performers to use their nose, along with their two hands, to hit the right keys.
- The strip of cloth you hang on the back of your hat to protect your neck from the blazing sun is called a "havelock." It's named after Sir Henry Havelock, a British army officer who wore one in the desert.
- It's not just griping — your boss really can make you sick. Researchers found that workers' immune systems dropped for an entire day — leaving them at greater risk of disease — after being criticized by supe-

Unlike many other Hollywood stars, gorgeous Ava Gardner used her real name when she became an actress. But MGM bosses wanted people to think they'd dreamed up the glamorous handle, so they said she'd been born as Lucy Ann Johnson.

Yum! The average toad eats 10,000 insects over the course of a summer.



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● Magician Harry Houdini was the first person to pilot a plane in Australia. He taught himself how to fly a biplane in 1910, so he could travel more easily between shows on a Down Under tour. He taught himself to drive a car at the same time, so he could get to the airfield.

● One of every three U.S homes has a Scrabble game.

● Oregon has a town called Sisters and a nearby town called Brothers. As far as anyone knows, they get along fine with each other.

● The shortest strike in Hollywood history was the action of the Directors Guild of America on July 14, 1987. Members stopped production at Warner Brothers and Columbia Pictures at 6 a.m., and had a contract at 6:05 — five minutes later.

● It may look lightweight, but badminton is the world's fastest racquet sport. The shuttlecock can whiz across the net at speeds approaching 200 m.p.h.

● New Hampshire was the first of the 13 colonies to declare independence from Great Britain. They did it a full six months before the Declaration of Independence.

● Beloved humanitarian Dr. Albert Schweitzer had a pet pelican named Parsifal.

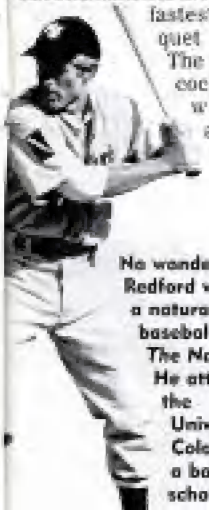
● M&Ms plain candies included some violet pieces from 1941 to 1950, when the color was retired and replaced with tan.

● Half of all murders are committed with handguns.

● Each day of Kwanzaa celebrates one of seven principles meant to honor the self, the spirit and the community: Unity, self-determination, collective work and responsibility, cooperative economics, a sense of purpose, creativity and faith.

● Butler Jeeves of the Internet site Ask Jeeves.com made its debut as a large helium balloon in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade in 2000. Jeeves was the first Internet character balloon in the famous New York parade.

● There are hefty pricetags on some Internet domain names. The highest-selling domain name to date, business.com, went for $7.5 million in 1999. The buyer was eCompanies.



No wonder Robert Redford was such a natural in the baseball flick *The Natural*: He attended the University of Colorado on a baseball scholarship.

The gecko lizard can run straight up walls and across ceilings without falling because its toes have flaps of skin that act like suction cups.

The slender, classically beautiful Jay Bryant made a stunning feature debut in Denzel Washington's first directorial effort *Antwone Fisher*. But she's not just all looks — Bryant earned an academic scholarship to Yale University.

NEW YEAR'S FACTS

● The first day of the year wasn't always January 1. Most English-speaking countries started the year March 25, the first day of spring, until the British Calendar Act in 1751.

● Partying on New Year's Eve? Experts say you can cut your chance of being hungover the next day by drinking at least one glass of water between each cocktail. Booze dehydrates you, and dehydration is a leading cause of hangovers.

● New Year's Eve is the most popular wedding day of the year in Las Vegas, where a whopping 110,00 marriage licenses are issued each year.

● In some countries, the tradition is to greet friends with "Happy birthday" instead of "Happy New Year." The holiday is known as Everyman's Birthday, as though we're all reborn on January 1.

year's resolution made by Americans. Studies show women are more likely than men to see themselves as fat, even when they're not. And men are more likely to see themselves as normal, even when they really could

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By PAUL SAFIRE
Correspondent

MAD SCIENTISTS TARGET U.S. WITH STOLEN NUCLEAR WASTE

THE THEFT of nuclear waste that can be converted to weapons-grade plutonium from reactors in Florida, Georgia and Tennessee on December 1 and 3 may have been masterminded by mutant American scientists who are hell-bent on destroying the United States — and taking over the world.

According to sources at the Office of Homeland Security in Washington, the group is led by physicist Dr. Jonathan Clement Nath, who once mapped out an elaborate plan to vaporize Los Angeles with suitcase-size nuclear bombs after the car he was riding in got stuck in traffic.

And his willing henchmen are known to include up to 17 ex-government researchers who, like Nath, developed a rare immunity to radioactivity during a top-secret weapons project at the Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico in the mid-1990s.

"The strong suggestion is that these men and women could unleash a global nuclear holocaust, emerge as the sole survivors and refashion the world to their liking," says an FBI analyst working the case.

Early reports on the theft of nuclear waste suggested that terrorists associated with Osama Bin Laden's formidable Al Qaeda organization were to blame.

But as the investigation spearheaded by the FBI continued, it became clear that an American group was behind it.

MASTERMIND Jonathan Nath worked on a top

The focus of the investigation shifted immediately from Bin Laden to Nath.

"Nath and other subjects were voluntarily exposed to extreme levels of radiation while testing a class of highly experimental radiation vaccines that were created to protect

Washington," continues the source.

"But the drugs had horrendous side effects, and they seldom worked. In tests on over 200 individuals, just 22 survived, and they all suffered strange mutations.

"Nath and several others developed the ability to communicate telepathically, and the ability to survive exposure to radiation that would kill an ordinary human within minutes."

The source went on to say that FBI profilers believe Nath and his disciples developed a "megalomaniacal need to purge the world of humanity and start a new civilization from scratch."

"They see themselves as living gods who have been given a special gift — immunity to radiation — that will enable them to recreate the world in their image and according to their ideals.

"We have strong reason to believe that they will strike the United States first. And there's no question that they will use nuclear weapons."

The plan, according to informed sources, calls for the strategic placement of small nuclear weapons throughout the country. The nukes would be detonated via the use of timers.

To accomplish this hideous goal, says the source, Nath and his band of mutants "would need at least 100 to 200 nukes. It's more likely they will start their takeover bid by touching off a handful of bombs in one state and proceeding to other states from there."

Nath was last seen leaving Atlanta in a rented car on November 30, just a couple of days before the theft of nuclear waste from power plants in three southern states.

The automobile was later found abandoned in Alabama with a cryptic, handwritten message on the front seat: "January 28, 2004. So it is written."

"Whether that means Nath and his group will stage some kind of attack in Alabama on that date, we just don't know," says the source.

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BIGFOOT SHOT BY MONTANA POLICE

By MICHAEL CHIRON/*Correspondent*

MONTANA state troopers brought down a charging, seven-foot-tall Bigfoot in a hail of gunfire after it chased a pair of terrified hikers through the woods for nearly 20 minutes!

The dramatic battle in Beaverhead Rock State Park left the ape-like creature dead, and a police photographer's eye-popping photo of its huge, hairy carcass has been leaked exclusively to *Weekly World News*.

"It was very scary — it must have taken 30 rounds to the chest to kill that thing," says shaken hiker Steve Rampling, 43, who credits the officers with saving his life and that of his wife, Robyn. "We're just glad the troopers were there."

While excited researchers are hailing the photo as "indisputable proof" that the legendary man-beast really exists, they are disappointed that the rare creature was not captured alive. Police have come under fire from environmentalists who say they acted too hastily in blowing away the shambling creature, which, they contend, was probably only defending its turf.

"Surely there must have been another way the officers could have handled this situation — it sounds like they were either trigger-happy or flat-out panicked," declares a spokesman for the International Crusade for the Protection of Endangered Species. "Bigfoot is a shy, docile creature that rarely attacks humans unless provoked."

The troopers, however, insist the hikers were in "imminent danger" and that they opened fire on the fierce, foaming-at-the-mouth sasquatch when it was less than six feet from a patrol car.

The Montana Highway Patrol has yet to issue an official statement. The officers involved in the shooting have been placed on administrative leave pending an investigation and are forbidden from speaking to reporters.

But a fellow lawman defended the shooting.

"I'd like to see how these tree-huggers would react if some 800-pound monster was charging at them, roaring and gnashing its fangs," he says angrily.

"Our guys had only a split second to respond and they acted responsibly. They should be treated as heroes."

The carcass was airlifted to an undisclosed research facility and state officials have gone into what frustrated local reporters are calling "full cover-up mode."

"We know absolutely nothing about any Bigfoot being killed in Beaverhead," insists a spokesman for Montana's Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks.

Robyn and Steve, meanwhile, leisurely stroll through the sprawling state park when nature unleashed its savage fury.

"I'd stopped to take a tinkle and soon after I dropped my pants I had the distinct sense I was being watched," Robyn, 41, tells *WWN*.

"I looked up and this giant stepped out from the bushes — a cross between a man and ape. Steve told me, 'Stay still, hon, don't panic.

"But then the Bigfoot roared and lunged toward me. Steve grabbed my arms and said, 'Scratch that — run like hell!'

The leer on the Bigfoot's ape-like face gave her husband "raw chills," he admits.

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. . . AFTER CHASING TERRIFIED HIKERS!

LUCKY TO BE ALIVE! Steve and Robyn Rampling credit the officers quick response with saving their lives.

THE DEAD Bigfoot (top left) was a much lighter color than usual and may have been an albino. Above,

to mate with Robin," says Steve, a financial planner. "The look in its eyes was simply terrifying."

The scared-stiff couple took off like jackrabbits, dashing through the woods with the loping creature hot on their heels.

"People have this idea that because Bigfoot is big and ungainly, he's slow, but we found out firsthand that isn't so," Robyn says. "It was like being chased by a grizzly bear — and the sound of the low branches snapping as he crashed through the forest after us was the most frightening sound I've ever heard."

ing we could flag down a car," Steve recalls.

Miraculously, a pair of highway patrol cars returning from an accident scene spotted the couple — and the enormous creature barreling after them. The two officers both pulled over and leapt out of their cars, guns drawn.

"They ordered the Bigfoot to stop and when he didn't, they started shooting," says Steve. "At first the .40 caliber bullets thumping into his big, hairy chest didn't seem to be having much effect — they just seemed to make him mad and he roared louder. Then all of sudden he backed away."

appeared to be a Yeti jaw in the Himalayas, agrees it's "highly possible" that the Bigfoot was bent on rape.

"There have been an increasing number of reports of sex assaults by Bigfoot in recent years, particularly in Montana and North Dakota," he observes.

But he has another theory that would explain the Bigfoot's aggressive behavior.

"It's possible that this Bigfoot was

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BIGFOOT THROUGH THE YEARS

1967

THE photo that started it all! Photographer Roger Patterson snapped this picture near Eureka, Calif., and said the creature stood over 7 feet 6 inches.

1974

DR. GROVER Krantz, an anthropologist at Washington State University, displays casts made of Sasquatch footprints found in southwestern Washington. He said the prints were definitely made by a creature about 8 feet tall and weighing 600 to 800 pounds.

1977

THIS is a still photo made from a 16mm film by Ivan Marx showing Bigfoot cavorting in the hills of northern California.

1981

EXPLORER Thomas Biscardi, who has been searching for Bigfoot for nearly a decade, snapped this picture of the legendary creature during an expedition in